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## Revenue suspends 400 staff

The Inland Revenue last night suspended without pay almost 400 staff in tax offices in the West Midlands in the dispute over the computerization of PAYE. The union is going to the High Court tomorrow to try to restrain the revenue from suspending staff who refuse to use the computers.

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## EEC warning

Mr Poul Dalsager, the Agriculture Commissioner, said in Brussels that the EEC faced bankruptcy before the summer unless "major surgery" was applied to the common agricultural policy.

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## Benn prediction

One of Mr Wedgwood Benn's key supporters in Chesterfield Labour Party predicts that the voting in next Sunday's election of a candidate for the by-election in March will be very close.

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## US aide lied

President Reagan's information director, Mr Charles Wick, has apologized for secretly recording telephone conversations and admitted that he lied.

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## Nuclear pact

Britain will sign a deal today with France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands, committing it to joint development of fast breeder reactor technology.

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## Royal tumble

It was the first day of their skiing holiday in Liechtenstein yesterday for the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Princess took a fall.

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## Architect dies

Sir Frederick Gibberd, whose designs included the Liverpool Roman Catholic Cathedral, died yesterday aged 76.

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# Fowler cash boost for poorer health regions

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Nine English regions of the National Health Service will have growth in real terms ranging from 0.8 per cent on Merseyside to 1.9 per cent in East Anglia, in the coming financial year.

But the four Thames regions, which cover the South-east from Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Essex to the south coast, face an effective spending freeze under government plans announced yesterday.

No stated targets have been set for efficiency savings in 1984-85, nor for manpower after the Government's cut of almost 5,000 health service jobs last autumn. But health ministers made it clear yesterday that they will expect efficiency savings of at least 0.5 per cent from districts as part of a "substantial and sustained cost improvement programme".

Any bids for extra jobs will have to be justified in detail. Health authorities will have to show that they will improve services to patients and that the new staff cannot be off-set by cutting jobs elsewhere, a policy that in practice is likely to mean little or no growth in health service manpower.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, said yesterday that he would have no hesitation in rejecting plans that did not meet these requirements.

Under the Government's spending plans, an extra £400m is to be spent on hospital and community service. That is about 1 per cent in real terms or £83m, after allowing for a 5 per cent rise in prices and 3 per cent in wages, assumptions one health authority yesterday branded as "optimistic".

Capital spending is to rise by £50m or 7 per cent. The increase will broadly match the 1 per cent a year needed to cope with the growing number of elderly but money to develop priority services for the mentally ill and handicapped and to keep pace with medical advance will all have to come from savings in existing services.

Regional Health Authority	Growth (Estm)	% Gr in real terms
Northern	8	1.4
Yorkshire	12	1.3
Trent	6	1.9
East Anglian	0	0.0
North-west Thames	0	0.0
North-east Thames	0	0.0
South-east Thames	0	0.0
South-west Thames	0	0.0
West Essex	9	1.8
Oxford	6	1.7
South-western	12	1.4
West Midlands	10	1.3
Mersey	10	0.8
TOTAL	83	1.0

\*After allowing for 5% rise in prices and 3% pay

The Thames regions, which will receive extra cash to cover the Government's assumptions on pay and prices, but no real growth, will face the greatest difficulties, having to make further cuts and savings in their acute hospital services to meet growing demands from the elderly and to develop their priority services.

The biggest growth goes to regions such as East Anglia, Wessex and Oxford, which have growing populations, and to the traditionally "under funded" regions.

But ministers have not redistributed money from the

Thames regions to other parts of the country as vigorously as they might. Under long-term government plans, the Thames authorities could have expected cuts in real terms of between 0.3 per cent and 0.5 per cent, rather than a standstill. With growing protests over the effects of waiting and bed closures, ministers have accepted that they are under financial pressure and have slightly slowed the rate of redistribution.

Announcing the allocations, Mr Norman Fowler, said the 1 per cent growth plus the "cost improvement programme" would release resources for new developments. "Health authorities should be able to take up new medical advances and continue to improve, for instance, services for the mentally ill and handicapped and for renal failure and hip replacement."

Several of the regions said the growth figures were much as expected, and were pleasantly surprised. (Staff Reporters write). The response, region by region was:

Northern: Mr Robert Hunt, the treasurer, said it had expected to get just over 1 per cent growth and the 1.4 per cent actually awarded will mean about £2m more than anticipated.

Yorkshire: Mr Neville Jackson, regional information officer, said the 1.3 per cent allocation.

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# Thatcher stands firm against Tory council rate rebels

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Conservative councillors opposing the Government's "rate-capping" plans failed to win concessions from the Prime Minister last night.

Mr John Lovell, leader of the Conservative-dominated Association of County Councils, said before meeting Mrs Margaret Thatcher that the association wanted MPs to vote against the plans.

When he emerged he quickly scrapped a prepared statement opposing rate-capping and refused to discuss the meeting. Mr Roger Parker-Jervis, leader of Buckinghamshire County Council, one of the most determined opponents of rate-capping, repeated, "Family meeting" several times and refused to comment further.

Mrs Thatcher, was not left isolated among her critics at yesterday's meeting. The guest list had been vetted by ministers at the Department of the Environment, who will use the rate-capping powers if Parliament accepts them, and the 13 invited councillors included strong supporters of the Rates Bill as well as opponents.

Complaints that rate-capping would enable ministers to usurp the powers of local government came mainly from the shires. Support for the Bill often comes from Conservatives in minority opposition to high-spending Labour councillors.

Two such Conservatives, knighted to yesterday's meeting were Lady Porter, leader of Westminster City Council, and Mr Irvine Patrick, leader of the Conservative group on South Yorkshire County Council.

Mr Patrick would not comment on the meeting but said: "I think a Bill like this is the only salvation for an area like South Yorkshire."

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, yesterday joined other senior ministers who are now putting the case for the Bill (Our Political Editor writes).

He echoed the assertion by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, on Friday that high rates destroyed jobs.

Mr Lawson denied accusations that the Government's proposals represented an

attack on local democracy, and asked if it could be seriously suggested that the Government should be oblivious to the economic effect of crushing levels of local taxation.

Mr Lawson, in a message to the management committee of his Blaby constituency association, said the rate-capping proposals were rooted in two legitimate concerns of central government - the overall levels of taxation and public spending.

"There is no essential difference between rates and taxes," he said. "They both preempt resources... they dry up funds that could be used to boost investment and jobs."

He said "responsible" authorities had nothing to fear from proposals designed to protect the ratepayer from the "profligate" ones.

Essex County Council, one of the conservative-controlled councils which in the past has kept its spending in line with government wishes, seems likely to exceed its government target during the coming financial year (Davis Cross writes).

If the expected level of expenditure remains unchanged when the new budget is approved at the end of next month, the council will incur a penalty of £7.3m.



Mr Brittan: View on rates echoed by Chancellor.

# Benefit cuts under review

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Social security ministers are to reconsider the shape of the government's planned £230m cut in housing benefits after criticism of the proposals from the Social Security Advisory Committee and opposition from Conservative backbenchers.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, is committed to the £230m cut announced as part of the Chancellor's autumn package. He believes the money is best saved there rather than from

other parts of the social security system.

Ministers are, however, to examine the package to see if some of the growing criticism at the impact of the cuts can be answered.

Conservative backbenchers have particularly criticized its effects on pensioners, some of whom will lose between £4 and £5 a week, and more than 1,250,000 of whom will suffer some loss.

The committee has also been against the decision not to pay

benefit if it is less than £1 for rent and 50p for rates, saying such a cut would be beyond administrative convenience, amounting to more than two weeks' worth of standard retirement pension for someone who loses the whole amount.

The committee has also argued that despite ministers' claims that only the better off would be affected, about 38,000 families below the needs allowance of £43.05 a week for a single person and £63.50 a week for couples will lose up to 99p a week.

# Republicans tell Reagan to rethink budget

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

President Reagan is being urged by senior advisers to reconsider his budget for fiscal 1985, which he has sent to Congress by the end of this month. Preliminary figures, circulated on Capitol Hill last week, provoked angry reactions from Republican as well as Democratic congressmen.

A group of senior Republicans led by Mr Robert Michel, the House minority leader, and Senators Robert Dole and Pete Domenici, chairmen of the Senate Finance and Budget committees respectively, has told the President that his budget proposals would enjoy the support of about 50

Republican congressmen at most.

They said that an overwhelming majority of Republicans fear that the President's plans for an additional \$8bn (£5.7bn) cut in social programmes, while at the same time raising defence spending by a further 13 per cent, would have a seriously adverse effect on public opinion and could lose both the President and Republican candidates vital votes in the November elections.

They pointed out that the Democrats have already made clear their intention to make the budget, and in particular the

continuing huge deficits, one of the main themes of their election campaign.

According to preliminary figures from the Office of Management and Budget, the fiscal 1985 deficit will amount to between \$185bn and \$197bn if the President goes ahead with his existing budget plan.

The same forecasts show that the deficit would still be in the region of \$200bn by the time President Reagan ended his expected second term in 1988.

The pressure which is now being brought to bear on the President to amend his plans

means he will have to face some unpleasant choices.

He will either have to retreat on the planned cuts in domestic spending, reduce the proposed increase in defence spending, agree to an increase in taxes, or simply prepare himself to live with enormous deficit projections.

It has become clear that the budget figures were deliberately leaked on Capitol Hill last week to drum up the sort of congressional opposition now generated. This, it is hoped, will strengthen the hand of those within the Administration who are urging the President to come up with revised figures.

# Woman, 23, accused of being 'mole'

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

A young woman clerk at the Foreign Office was yesterday charged under the Official Secrets Act with sending to *The Guardian* a copy of a confidential government memorandum on the arrival of cruise missiles in Britain.

Scotland Yard said Sarah Caroline Tisdall, aged 23, of South London, will appear at Bow Street magistrate's court this morning.

She is accused that "you being a person holding office under Her Majesty did on or after October 21, 1983, within the jurisdiction of the Central Criminal Court communicate classified information entrusted to you to another person to whom you were not authorized to communicate such information contrary to Section Two of the Official Secrets Act, 1911."

According to the Diplomatic Service List Miss Tisdall joined the Foreign Office in July, 1980. She is Grade 10.

# Miners' union suspends rebellious strikers

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

Miners' leaders last night closed ranks in support of their national overtime ban, now in its eleventh week, and disciplined rebel winding engineers in Staffordshire who yesterday staged a one-day strike against union strategy.

More than 40 men who wind the cages in pits near Stoke-on-Trent have been suspended from the National Union of Mineworkers until a month after the present industrial action ends. But the revolt against the overtime ban has now spread to other moderate coalfields in Durham, Cumbria and Leicestershire, and threatens to split the union.

The union's national executive meets in Sheffield in two days' time to determine its next step in the drawn-out pay dispute. Right-wing area leaders are to press for a secret pithead ballot on the National Coal Board's "final" 5.2 per cent pay offer and on continuation of the limited sanctions, already in force which have cost the men more than £30m in lost wages.

But Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the union, last night accused Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the GMB Board, of "virtually destroying industrial relations" within the industry and argued that the overtime ban should force the board back to the negotiating table.

The winding engineers' action has brought to a head a long-simmering hostility among the better-paid miners, who have been losing up to £100 a week through the industrial action in support of a claim for "substantial" wage rises for 190,000 pitmen.

Mr Trevor Bell, secretary of the union's white-collar group, yesterday promised in a press interview to support any proposals for a ballot at the Sheffield meeting.

Mrs Christine Postill, aged 37, whose husband works at Woolley pit, near Barnsley, plans to sue Mr Scargill for lost wages caused by the overtime ban. Go-ahead for pit, page 3

# French soldier killed in Beirut fighting

Beirut (Reuters) - One French paratrooper was killed and another wounded when gunmen fired a rocket-propelled grenade and automatic weapons at an observation post of the French military headquarters in Beirut.

Colonel Philippe de Longueval said the attack was "swift" the paratroops did not have time to return fire. Beirut radio had earlier reported that a bomb had exploded near the French headquarters. It said the second explosion was caused by a dynamite buried at a pharmacy in Muslim west Beirut. Howe hospital, page 6

# Shares at record as pound slumps

By Peter Wilson-Smith and Derek Pain

Shares surged to a record on the Stock Exchange yesterday with the FT 30 share index, the market's main indicator, closing at 290 points exactly.

But, since again starting yesterday, there is strong US dollar on the foreign exchange market. At one time it fell to \$1.3910 - the first time it has slipped below \$1.40 - before recovering to \$1.4050.

Shares, encouraged by growing optimism about the British economy, have been stretched to new highs for a month. The already healthy City talk that the FT index will break through 1,000 points before the end of the year.

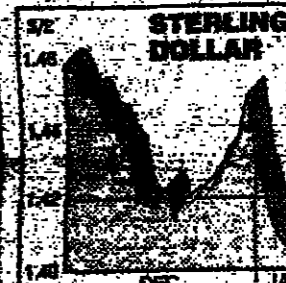
The index has grown in the world's leading stock markets that the long recession is coming to an end. Recent economic news from the United States has only served to reinforce the optimism.

When the London stock market opened the FT index, based on 30 leading shares ranging from Allied-Lyons to Vickers, jumped 7.6 points to 289.9. One factor behind the gain was share tips in the weekend newspapers.

When the large institutional investors remained on the sidelines the index lost some of its momentum. Before a late buying flurry, partly inspired by the news that Wall Street opened, drove the index back to 290.

Meanwhile, yesterday, the dollar powered ahead after opening well above its pre-weekend levels on the foreign exchange market. Intervention by the West German central bank and profit-taking stemmed the rise but it still closed well up on the day.

The Government remains firmly against extensive intervention, although the Bank of



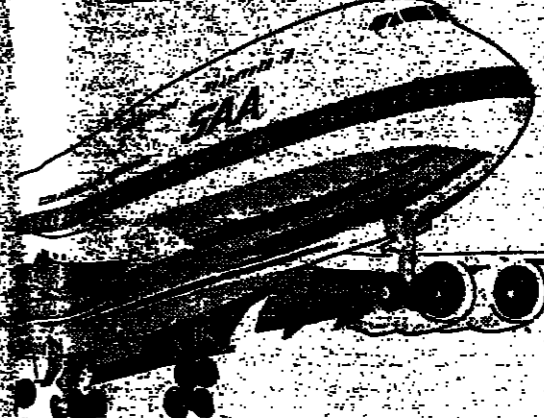
England was thought to be studying. Sterling yesterday when the dollar advanced passed \$1.40.

At one time it touched \$1.3910 and its trade-weighted value fell to \$1.4, the lowest since last April. But sterling has been firm against other currencies.

It closed slightly higher against the French franc and German mark and after recovering to close only 20 points down against the dollar at \$1.4050, its trade-weighted value ended unchanged at \$1.7.

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# Go-ahead for £400m pit in Vale of Belvoir will create 1,100 jobs

By Andrew Cornall

The Government yesterday approved the £400m development of the Asfordby coal mine in the Vale of Belvoir, Leicestershire, which will create 1,100 jobs by the early 1990s.

Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, gave the go-ahead to the project, which is being developed by the National Coal Board (NCB). The mine is situated in the Vale of Belvoir, Leicestershire, and will produce 2.2 million tonnes of low-cost coal each year. The project will also create 1,100 jobs by the early 1990s.

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## Fortunes await PA's lost shareholders

By Colin Hughes

The national news agency, the Press Association (PA), is launching a national advertising campaign to find four of its shareholders, who could become overnight multi-millionaires.

The shares fell "derelict" when their nineteenth-century owners failed to pass them on to their newspapers, and no one knows where to find the descendants who own them.

Unwitting descendants of the four owners and editors who took shares in the PA when it was set up by 120 newspaper proprietors in 1868 are in line for a fortune.

The PA owns 41 per cent of Reuters, the international news agency, which is expected to be floated on the Stock Exchange in the spring at an estimated value of £1,000m. Each 100 shares in the PA could then be worth £1m.

Mr Jack Purdum, financial controller of the PA, said yesterday that letters had been written to the most recent addresses of the people who owned the 1,800 missing shares. "We have never had a reply, partly because we lost track of some of these people about 100 years ago."

"There has never been any special reason for these people to reply before because we have never paid a dividend, but now they stand to make a lot of money."

The owners of the 1,800 missing shares took them out in 1868 in their own names, unlike the majority of the shareholders, who passed them on to their children.

"We have no idea where the heirs to these shares might be," Mr Purdum said.

## New maths tests to be developed

By Lucy Hodges

A grant of £154,000 has been given to Chelsea College, London University, to develop new mathematics tests similar to the kind advocated by Sir Joseph, Secretary of State for Education and Science, in a speech last week.

The money from the Nuffield Foundation will be used to work out a batch of "assessment tests" for children to do at different levels at their own pace.

The scheme is a joint project between the Centre for Science and Maths Education at Chelsea College, the Inner London Education Authority, and the University of London GCE Examination Board.

Called "Graded Assessment in Maths" (GAIM), the aim of the project is to cater for children aged from 11 to 16, of all abilities and to link one of the levels to a GCE O level (grades A to C) or a CSE grade.

Dr Margaret Brown, the project's director, wants the tests to cover a broad range of mathematical skills, including practical and oral ability, problem solving, and investigations.

Graded tests are also being developed in English, science and craft, and design and technology.

Outside London the same thing is being done by the Oxford Delegacy of Local Examinations in conjunction with some local authorities and in the Midlands under the University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate.

There was a muted, if not stunned, reaction from Sir Keith's special advisers, in which he called for the new kinds of examinations. They pointed out that his idea involved setting up a series of hurdles in each subject and if the aim was to set a minimum standard in each one, that would probably have to be pitched very low.

"They said the logic of Sir Keith's position was the abolition of traditional examinations at the age of 16."



Acid rain

## Chesterfield by-election

### Benn aide predicts close finish

From Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent, Chesterfield

One of Mr Wedgwood Benn's key supporters in the Chesterfield Labour Party predicted yesterday that next Sunday's election of the party candidate for the March by-election would be extremely close.

Mr Thomas Vallins, a member of the general committee which is to make the selection, said: "I do not dare make a prediction. I am quietly optimistic, but it is going to be very, very close."

Mr Vallins is portrayed by Labour's soft-left and centre-right, both at Westminster and in Chesterfield, as the mechanic who has engineered Mr Benn's Derbyshire debut.

Some surprise has been expressed that the caretaker of

the National Union of Mineworkers' Derbyshire area headquarters should be campaigning so openly for Mr Benn when the union has sponsored a pit worker, Mr Clifford Fox, as its official nominee.

But Mr Vallins, who came to Chesterfield from Croydon three years ago, is a member of the General Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, not the NUM, and is a GMBATU delegate on the general committee.

Asked about his key role in Mr Benn's selection campaign, Mr Vallins said yesterday: "I was on the trade union liaison committee. When nominations were being asked for several union branches set up an organisation to invite a number of candidates along so that everybody got an opportunity to see who was available."

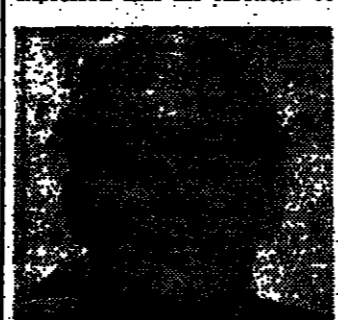
That committee was responsible for the invitations sent to Mr Benn and to the former

Labour MP's Mr Phillip Whitehead and Miss Joan Lester.

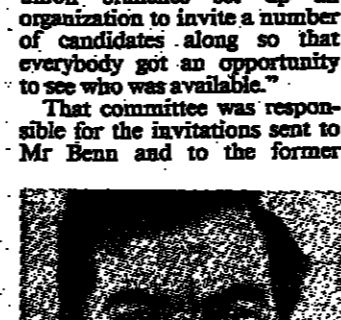
Mr Vallins added: "All we were trying to do before nominations began was to make sure that people had a fair hearing and to show that it was not a biased campaign, which is what we are trying to do now."

But some of Mr Benn's opponents are already complaining bitterly about his "presidential" television campaign and last Sunday's general committee meeting agreed that all candidates should be asked to call a truce on further campaigning this week.

Mr Benn, however, has already arranged two meetings in the area this week.



ANTHONY WEDGWOOD BENN: Aged 58, educated at Westminster and New College, Oxford. Lord Stamp's heir, MP for Bristol, South-East, from 1950 until his father's death in November, 1961. Won by-election in May, 1961, but Conservative opponent elected. Renounced title and was re-elected in August, 1963, held seat until 1983. Postmaster General, 1964-66; Minister for Posts and Telecommunications, 1974-75; Secretary of State for Energy, 1975-79.



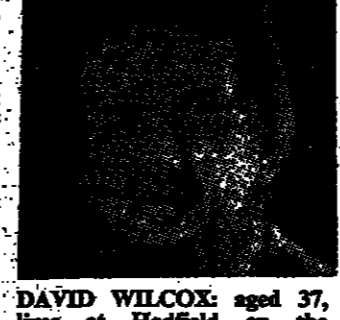
JOHN LENTHALL, aged 38. He teaches at Hasland School and is school governor. Treasurer of Chesterfield Labour Party and has backing of the party's Newbold ward. Married with six children.



CLIFF FOX: Aged 35, lives in Clay Cross and is a fitter at Markham colliery. Stands left of centre and has NUM backing, as did retiring MP Eric Varley. Leader of North-East Derbyshire District Council. Member of Clay Cross Parish Council. A anti-royalist, he refused permission for the Union flag to be flown over the district council house for the Prince of Wales's wedding.



PHILIP WHITEHEAD: Aged 46, brought up at Rowley 10 miles from Chesterfield. Educated at Lady Manners' School, Bakewell, Derbyshire, and Exeter College, Oxford, where he was vice-president of the union. Labour MP for Derby, North, from 1970 to 1983. Opposition spokesman on education 1981 to 1983, and on arts 1982-83. Married with three children, and sponsored by NUR.



DAVID WILCOX: aged 37, lives at Hadfield on the Derbyshire-Cheshire border and is a trades union administrator. Elected to Derbyshire County Council in 1981, and served on the education and technical services committees. Has also served on the High Peak District Council and is a member of Friends of the Earth. Finished third in the High Peaks constituency in 1983 general election. Backed by USDAW.

## Long-term acid rain research promised

By John Young

There is evidence of an increase in rainfall acidity in the United Kingdom, but lack of research data precludes any detailed identification of its sources, a report published yesterday suggests. But it calls for more long-term monitoring.

The report, prepared by the Government's Warren Spring Laboratory, in Stevenage, for the Department of the Environment, adopts an extremely cautious attitude to the whole question and makes no attempt to discuss the possible effects of the deposition of pollutants. It has been described as "disappointing" by the Friends of the Earth environmentalist group, which has been in the forefront of the campaign against acid rain.

The report suggests that evidence of sulphur dioxide, mostly from coal and oil-fired power stations, factories, and refineries, are becoming relatively less of a problem than increases of nitrate concentrations.

Both have increased considerably this century, but sulphur dioxide emissions, which rose steadily from the middle of the nineteenth century, interrupted only by the depression of the early 1930s, are said to have reached a peak in the mid-1960s and to have declined since 1970.

Although emissions in Europe, excluding the Soviet Union, doubled between 1950 and 1970, the report says, the increase in the United Kingdom, East and West Germany, Norway, and Sweden, show big decreases since 1972.

Nitrogen oxides, however, continued to increase at least until 1980, largely due to greater use of oil. Agricultural emissions from fertilizers are not thought to account for more than 5 per cent of the total, and these from motor vehicle exhausts for only about a quarter.

Damage to trees, especially in West German forests, is widespread, possibly due to acid rain and dry deposits of sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide, the report says. But a causal link between deposited acidity and forest effects has yet to be demonstrated.

In Britain, the areas receiving the largest inputs of acidity are Cumbria and the west central Highlands and southern uplands of Scotland.

The Government responded to the report yesterday with a commitment to fund further long-term research, but Friends of the Earth described that as "utterly inadequate" and claimed that Britain, which "exported" three-quarters of its sulphur emissions, was in danger of becoming "the dirty man of Europe".

Acid Deposition in the United Kingdom (Warren Spring Laboratory, Stevenage, Essex, SG1 2BX; £10).

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## Computers to 'talk' in English

A British-researched computer program that enables computers to understand plain English was launched in London yesterday.

Microdata, Information Services, says it has beaten the big companies IBM and ICL with the launch of its Natural Language Program, which is intended to end the need for complex programming to get answers from computers.

The new software package, developed mainly at the company's research centre in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire, has been launched six months ahead of schedule and will be available in Britain before the United States.

A company official said that the time taken to write and test programs meant that, although the computer "took" only a fraction of a second to deal with the problem, businessmen might have to wait as much as a week to get the answers they wanted from a busy computer.

The new program would mean a businessman could ask the computer a question using a desk-top terminal. He said: "We want to make computers friendlier and easier to use."

Mr Alan Bellinger, who headed the development team, said the new software was unique: it enabled the computer to learn the idiosyncrasies of a user's language.

Microdata, part of the American aerospace corporation McDonnell Douglas, says the English Language software is just a step on the way to its eventual goal of producing computers that will be able to hold conversations with people.

## Speelman retains chess lead

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent Hastings

With a quick draw in eighteen moves against the Romanian grandmaster Suba, Jonathan Speelman retained the lead at the end of round 11 in the Jace Grandmaster Tournament at the Hastings International Chess Congress.

His chief rival, the Swedish grandmaster Karlsson, adjourned his game against Coom in that round in the somewhat inferior position.

Scores at the end of round eleven: Speelman 7½; Karlsson 6½; and one adjourned; Martin and Mettel 6 and one adjourned; Suba 6; Pincus and Hebdon 5½ and one adjourned; Coom 5 and one adjourned.

Kudrin 5; Short and Ivanov 4½; Gurevich 4 and one adjourned; Sax 3½ and one adjourned; Alburt 3½.

Results in round eleven: Short 1 Alburt 0, Alekhine's defence, 36 moves; Gurevich adj against Mettel, OP King's Indian defence, 40; Coom adj Karlsson, Reti opening, 43; Hebdon adj Martin, French defence, 55; Sax adj Pincus, Robatsch defence, 40; Speelman ½ Suba ½, English opening, 18; Kudrin ½ Ivanov ½, Giuoco Piano, 22.

Adjourned games results, round 10: Alburt 0 Speelman 1, 66; Mettel 1 Short 0, 63.

## Bigger pages for Sunday colour magazine

The Sunday Times Magazine is to increase its page size by nearly 25 per cent from April 29. That will make it Britain's largest colour magazine.

Mr Arthur Britten, corporate relations director of News International, said: "The decision to increase our size has been taken in order to demonstrate once again the leadership that the Sunday Times Magazine has had in the market place since its launch nearly 22 years ago."

The new format will enable us to make even more adventurous use of pictures and text and will also provide an important new creative platform for colour magazine advertisers."

The benefits for advertisers were emphasised by Mr Mike Ruda, Times Newspapers advertising director: "The increased page size will allow for considerable flexibility and creative opportunities for colour and monochrome advertisers."

The Sunday Times Magazine has always been a major showcase for colour advertising and we are sure that advertising agencies and clients will recognise the tremendous additional impact that the new international page size will present."

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## EEC confirms Belfast grant

The first £18.7m of a £60m grant from the EEC over the next three years for urban renewal projects in Belfast will be announced in Brussels today.

Confirmation of the payment came in Belfast yesterday from Mr Richard Burke, the EEC commissioner. Belfast, with Naples, was judged to be suffering the worst problems of urban deprivation in the Community.

## Go-ahead for green belt estate

The Department of the Environment has given permission for 400 houses and shops and more than 50 industrial units to be built on 99 acres of green belt land at Staggs, Bedfordshire, Essex, a year after a public inquiry.

## Shinwell home

Lord Shinwell, aged 99, yesterday left the Royal Free Hospital, London, where he had been admitted eight days earlier for tests.

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## Flotilla grows in a sea of paper

By Richard Evans

Fred T. Jane, a journalist with a penchant for practical jokes and japes as well as being the original compiler of the now famous defence yearbooks, would, it is said, undoubtedly appreciate the magazine caused by a ship even before carrying it.

The first edition of Jane's Defence Yearly will land on the desks of Nato's top brass, defence industry specialists and senior civil servants tomorrow but it has hit the headlines after the "leak" of a controversial interview with a senior allied commander.

As reported in *The Times* yesterday and in other national newspapers, Admiral Sir William Staveley, Nato commander-in-chief for the eastern Atlantic and the Channel, complains in the exclusive, but lacks the ships to cover all his tasks.

It could hardly be better start for the magazine, which proudly claims to be the world's first "high-frequency" defence publication, and is the latest of the Jane's publishing explosion.

For years Jane's was the best known for its fighting ships year book, first compiled and printed in 1897. That edition had details of nearly every armoured ship afloat, about 1,000. Today's tome, weighing half a stone and costing more than £50, has

photographs, illustrations, and plans drawn up with lists of more than 15,000 ships. It remains a bible for navies throughout the world and, according to Mr Richard Coates, of Jane's Publishing, "You will find it on the bridge of most warships, including Soviet vessels."

Although the first edition of what is now called Jane's All the World's Aircraft was produced in 1909, the expansion of yearly almanacs covering other defence fields was slow. It has only been over the past 15 years, and in particular since Thomson's bought the firm four years ago from the British Printing Communications Corporation for £3.15m, that the number of publications has increased.

In 1982 alone, yearbooks were introduced covering aviation, airport equipment, and urban transport systems, bringing the total to 14 and an annual turnover which is now nearly £4m. About eighty staff are employed by the company, based in Islington, London.

The £50-plus price of the yearbooks deters most defence specialists from obtaining the latest reference books on subjects including world railways, freight containers, and industry weapons.

Instead, political, military, and civilian strategic planners are the main subscribers. State and government procurement agencies and embassies throughout



Fred T. Jane: Compiler of naval facts.

the world are regular purchasers along with defence equipment specialists, civilian and military officers.

Communist as well as Western countries appear to place great reliance on the yearbooks. A military attaché from the Soviet and Chinese embassies arrives at the company headquarters the day a new addition of the fighting ships almanac is put on sale.

The new magazine will not be available initially on book-stalls but will be targeted at anyone who is anyone in the defence community. "It is going

to be like *The Economist* is to ordinary business," Mr Coates said. The circulation target is 20,000, with the United States a favoured sales market.

Although Fred T. Jane, whose early interest in ships began when he staged mock naval actions on a village pond with his brother, is long since gone, his spirit lives on.

Mr Bob Hitchinson, the magazine's UK news editor, said yesterday: "I think Fred Jane was interested in reporting facts. That is what we are trying to do."

The detailed information that makes up the 900-page volumes is gleaned from manufacturers, publications, and outside bodies, many of whom supply information strictly unofficial.

## Puppies bred for sale abandoned

More than 50 puppies bred by unemployed people in Wigan, Greater Manchester, have been abandoned because there were no buyers.

The RSPCA, which is caring for the animals, says they will have to be destroyed unless homes can be found. Most were at the age for selling over Christmas and New Year, a spokesman said yesterday, confirming "that people on the dole are breeding their pets to raise cash."

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# Mother assaulted doctor who failed to diagnose illness that killed her son

By Michael Hornselli

The grieving mother of a boy aged eight who died from meningitis twice assaulted the doctor who had been convicted of negligence for his handling of the case, a court was told yesterday.

Maureen Winn, aged 36, a housewife, of Radley Terrace, Canning Town, east London, was charged with the failure of the General Medical Council (GMC) to strike Dr Oliver Archer off its register after confirming his negligence.

Mr Nigel Spearling, Labour MP for Newham South, is planning a private members' Bill to increase patients' recourse against negligent doctors. Judge Burkett Baker, QC, said that the court would not comment on the decisions made by professional bodies, but sympathized with the bereavement Winn had suffered.

At Snaresbrook Crown Court she was given an absolute discharge on a charge of assaulting Dr Archer on April 27, last year, but a conditional discharge for two years for causing actual bodily harm on July 14, Maxine Winn, aged 18, her daughter, was given a conditional discharge for assaulting Dr Mary Lavelle and Mrs Sylvia Hannah, a receptionist, on July 20.

Both had admitted charges of actual bodily harm. Winn said afterwards: "I am relieved, but I still think there is one law for us and one for them, the doctors."

"I have lost a son, the doctor has lost nothing, and there is nothing I can do to beat the man. The only thing I can do is to rely on the MP to change the law so that nobody else suffers."

Alfie Winn, who died in January 1982, was the official club mascot of West Ham United Football Club. Five days before the death, Dr Archer had diagnosed a bronchial problem and prescribed antibiotics.

Mr David Whitehouse, for the defence, said: "Until January 9, 1982, Alfie was a healthy, soccer-mad eight-year-old. He was the intensely beloved son of Mrs Winn."

One night he was ill and by the next morning he was delirious. His mother attempted to contact the doctor at 8 o'clock the next morning.

After visiting the surgery she found her son in a deep sleep and with a temperature of 106F. After some difficulty in alerting the surgery Mrs Winn was

visited by Dr Archer three hours later.

But Mr Whitehouse said, his examination was cursory and he did not believe what the woman told him.

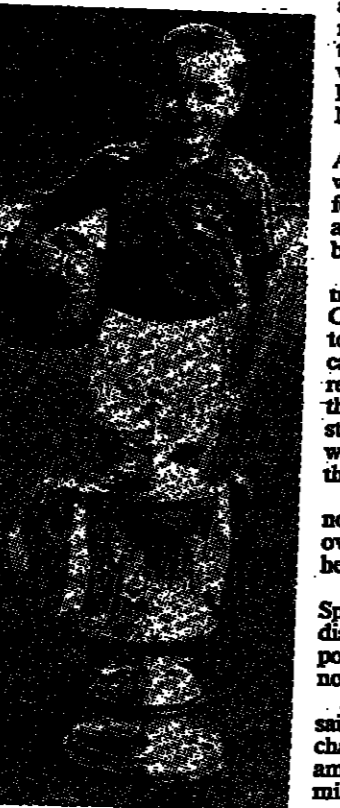
"We now know he almost certainly was in a coma at the time, but the doctor carried out a superficial examination and asked him to open his mouth," Mr Whitehouse said. "Mrs Winn said 'He can't hear you'. Dr Archer responded 'If he cannot be bothered to open his bloody mouth I shall not bloody well look in'."

Dr Archer diagnosed congestion of the lungs and prescribed antibiotics. Two hours later Mrs Winn called an ambulance.

On July 1, 1982, the City and East London Family Practitioners' Committee censured Dr Archer and recommended that £1,000 be stopped from his pay.

The Secretary of State for Social Services accepted the recommendation and referred the case to the General Medical Council, which upheld the charges of negligence but decided that he was not guilty of serious professional misconduct.

Incented that the doctor



Alfie Winn: Mascot at West Ham United.

should continue to practice. Winn took the law into her own hands. On April 27, the boy's birthday, she visited the surgery, which she does every day. Then she went to the surgery in Coolfin Road, Canning Town, east London, and entered Dr Archer's room.

Claiming that the doctor had admitted to her that he had lied to the professional bodies in order to save his job, Winn assaulted him and the police were called, although Dr Archer refused to prosecute.

A second assault happened after Winn had been advised that she could take no further legal steps to get Dr Archer struck off.

Then, on July 20, the family received a letter saying that Dr Lavelle, senior partner at the surgery, was requesting that Mr Roy Winn, Winn's husband, should be removed from her list; the rest of the family had already changed doctors.

With the letter was a national health card, which bore the initials A instead of R. That Winn took to be "a calculated and callous insult to the memory of her son."

With her daughter she went to the surgery. There Dr Lavelle allegedly said in an unguarded moment that she was uninterested in Alfie's case. Maxine was so incensed she struck Dr Lavelle and then she attacked Mrs Hannah, the receptionist.

Mr Whitehouse said that Dr Archer had declined to be a witness in the case because he felt he would be cross-examined about his treatment of the dead boy.

Mrs Gwen Davey, a magistrate and secretary of Newham Community Health Service, told the court: "Mrs Winn's case is the most serious I have received in eight years. She said that she wanted Dr Archer struck off because she did not want other people to suffer in the same way."

"It appears to me justice was not done. Mrs Winn has been overwhelmed by the events of her son's death."

The court was told that Mr Spearling believed the case had disclosed a grave lacuna in the powers of the GMC, and he now proposed a Bill to rectify it.

In a statement to the court he said: "When the GMC find charges proved which do not amount to serious professional misconduct they have no powers to order punishment or supervision of the offending doctor."

# Poet's chintzy bohemia in a Town



Blue plaque no 478: Mrs Caitlin Thomas-Fazio, Dylan Thomas's widow (right) and Thomas Ellis, after unveiling the GLC's tribute to the poet in Camden yesterday.

By Alan Hamilton

The gypsy existence of Dylan Thomas in London has finally been pinned down to a modest terrace house in Camden Town, where he lived just long enough to have a commemorative blue plaque unveiled yesterday by his widow.

Thomas, as befitted his mercurial Celtic genius, never owned a house nor stayed anywhere for long. The temporary home at 54 Delancey Street, in the deep hinterland of Euston station, was provided by Mr Margaret Taylor, the wife of an Oxford don who became the nearest thing Thomas ever had to a patron.

His daughter Mrs Aeronwy Thomas Ellis recalled yesterday that the Thomas family had lived there for about a year in 1952. "It was decorated throughout by Margaret

Taylor in a riot of chintz, a real floral cornucopia." The present owner has allowed the Thomas family basement to slide into disuse.

Mrs Taylor also provided, appropriately, a Roman caravan in the back garden so that Thomas could fashion his words away from the clamour of his children, but he found it too cold and damp.

His widow, Mrs Caitlin Thomas-Fazio, who has remarried and now lives in Sicily, could recall little of the detail of domestic life in Camden, but she retained a memory of distant warmth.

"It is with mixed feelings of my wonderful Bohemian past and my present dull attempt at respectability, of being a model of squareness, that I place this plaque on our once worldly living and loving home, in loving memory of my irreplaceable Dylan".

# Bribes claim as GP is accused

A doctor's failure to see two patients, one of whom died, led to claims, offers of bribes, and a medical disciplinary hearing in London was told yesterday.

Dr Sharangdar Prasad, aged 58, of Edgheaston, Birmingham, faces charges of serious professional misconduct. They are that he failed, in October, 1979, to visit and treat Mrs Refi Alam, of Handsworth, who was passing blood, and, in March and April, 1981, failed to visit and treat or arrange treatment for Mr Kartar Singh Sagoo, also of Handsworth. He died on April 2, 1981.

Mr Richard Knell, for the General Medical Council's professional conduct committee, said that Mr Alam and his family were threatened and offered £600 and gifts by two people. The hearing continues.

# Labour in clash over

The leader of a Labour-controlled education authority clashed yesterday with the Society of Teachers Opposed to Physical Punishment over the case of three brothers who have not attended school since October.

Mr Philip Squire, chairman of mid-Glamorgan education committee, said that Mr Scott, education secretary of the Society, was "just not living in the real world" in advocating an end to caning in schools.

Solicitors acting for the boys

From Tim Jones, Cardiff, have reported the case to the European Commission on Human Rights, which is expected to uphold a ruling of the European Court in another case that parental objections to corporal punishment must be respected.

The three brothers, Stuart, aged 15, Christopher, aged 14, and Stuart, aged 13, spent yesterday watching television at their home in Llanelli, mid-Glamorgan.

They have not attended school since Christopher

the stroke of the cane on his back for failing to report on his brother's misbehaviour. Mrs Janice Jones, mother of the boys, withdrew them from school after refusing to agree to a headmaster's demand that they should not be sent back. It is degrading and I will take my boys to school on Wednesday or Thursday. I expect they will be back again."

# Company to cash in on leisure

By Jonathan Clare

A company has been launched with the support of the English Tourist Board to invest millions of pounds in the leisure industry to help to cope with the expected increase in free time.

Although the inspiration came from the tourist board it will maintain an arms-length relationship with the new company, Leisure Development, which is wholly funded by the private sector through five big institutions.

Leisure Development's board, which includes Mr Walter Goldsmith, director

general of the Institute of Directors, and Mr John Knight, former finance director of the Playboy Group, has already identified six possible acquisitions.

It expects to invest in seven broad areas: health, hydro, country clubs, fitness, centres and dance studios, hotels, holiday villages, time-share developments, and "theme" restaurants.

In particular Mr Robert Updell, the chief executive, believes that increasing interest in health together with more

leisure time will mean a boom for health farms.

Yesterday he said that he was not interested in old-fashioned "fat farms" but health hydro where people want to relax and get fit.

He pointed out that of all the present hydro only two were in the hands of big companies - Champneys, owned by Eagle Star, the insurance group, and Forest Mere, owned by The Savoy Hotel.

Mr Updell said that there was much scope to invest in and aggressively manage the many hydro in private hands.

# Fewer attend classical concerts

By David Hewson

The London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Philharmonia are the capital's favourite orchestras according to figures published by the London Orchestral Concert Board yesterday showing that both achieved audiences as high as 76 per cent of capacity between April, 1982, and last March.

But the Philharmonia's two concerts at the Royal Albert Hall attracted the lowest turnout of the year, 31 per cent, according to the board, which subsidizes the capital's four main orchestras.

The board's annual report documents a general decline in classical music audiences, although the Greater London Council says that the South Bank has experienced a revival in popularity in the period after the figures end.

The worst fall was at the Barbican where audiences for the London Symphony Orchestra dropped by nearly a third. "Some of this may have been because the original novelty had worn off, some because certain programmes were more strange or challenging than usual, some because there were perhaps too many repeats, some because the total London audience for

orchestral concerts may not yet stretch to a highly capacity of 5,000 seats," the report says.

Average attendance at concerts subsidized by the board, excluding the LSO - Barbican seasons, was 65 per cent compared with 68 per cent in the previous year.

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# Film institute picks TV for 1984 theme

By Our Arts Correspondent

The British Film Institute is turning to television for the main theme of its work this year. Its "Year of Television" will give the public the chance to see several programmes once thought lost and two versions of 1984 which were banned by George Orwell's widow.

The public will also take part in discussions on the implications of new communications technology.

One of the first screenings, *Boys from the Blackstuff* at the National Film Theatre later this month, has already sold out. The institute also expects to sell every ticket for the screening of the BBC's 30-year-old adaptation of 1984 and a subsequent film version.

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# Man's diaries told of badger hunts

By Craig Seton

An alleged poacher kept detailed diaries of all his hunting trips and told police officers who raided his house that he had made enough money "at this game" to pay for his house, Totnes Magistrates' Court in Devon was told yesterday.

The magistrates were told that the case against Christopher Newton, aged 30, self-employed, of Plymouth, was unusual because the allegations against him of illegally taking, killing, or cruelly ill-treating badgers were based entirely on four diaries found at his home in which he gave details of his hunting trips.

Mr Newton denied four charges of unlawfully killing, injuring, or taking badgers, four charges of cruelly ill-treating badgers, and another four charges of using artificial light to kill or take badgers at

locations in Devon and Somerset. Mr John Revell, for the prosecution, told the court that the diaries were the only positive evidence against Mr Newton. Nobody had seen him committing the alleged offences.

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that he was a cruel man who sent dogs into badger sets to attack and worry badgers.

According to the prosecution, in one of the diaries, marked "large game", the 1981 total given showed that 48 foxes, 11 badgers, 13 hares, and two deer had been taken by a method known as "lamping" - using a lamp to light up animals which were then chased by lurcher dogs.

Another diary referred to Mr Newton's using three terriers to go after badgers.

Mr Revell said that Mr Newton "had an astonishing knowledge of the countryside and animals". He was able to "call" foxes, attracting them vocally so that dogs could be set on them.

Mr Revell alleged of the diaries: "These are not fanciful artificial fairy tales. They are a precise record by a calculating and clever man."

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## Nigeria goes back to the barracks as last governors are sworn in

From Kenneth Mackenzie, Lagos

The place from which Nigeria is governed was called Dodan Barracks from 1966 to 1979. Then, under President Shagari, it became known as State House, Ribadu Road. Now it is called Dodan Barracks again.

Yesterday I was able to watch the new Government at work at the swearing-in of two state governors. Outside the main building, a huge oil painting of Mr Shagari was leaning against a palm tree, waiting to be thrown away.

Security was tight, with several armoured cars outside and soldiers around. Three times we had to show our credentials. Once inside, however, the atmosphere was light and informal, with the officers of the Supreme Military Council mixing freely.

General Mohammed Buhari looks younger and slighter than you would expect of the head of a military Government. He smiles easily and conducts affairs briskly, with no pomposity.

The Chief of Protocol, Ambassador Yusuf Sada, a venerable grey-haired man, presented the governors to be sworn in. Someone in the press section calculated that Mr Sada had served all seven governments - two civilian and five military - which Nigeria has seen since independence.

He is a remarkable symbol

of the way a Civil Service maintains a degree of continuity and stability amid flux. The two governors sworn in were of Rivers State and Anambra. The governors of the other 17 were sworn in two days ago. The Anambra governor was absent then because of transport difficulties. The Rivers State story is more interesting.

There was a small scandal over the military man first chosen. It seems that his wife had been the secretary to the previous civilian governor, who is in detention. One of the local newspapers made a fuss.

In a short slightly embarrassed speech General Buhari explained that the Government had no proof of any wrongdoings by the wife, but was determined to avoid being associated in any way with a scandal. And so, another man has been appointed.

The civilian politicians were less sensitive about such a matter. As a result, a large number - the exact figure is not known, but there are probably hundreds - are detained, many elsewhere in Dodan Barracks. Mr Shagari is said to be in Bonny Camp, Victoria Island, Lagos. The military leaders - and the public - are upset that three of the biggest fish have escaped.

They are Chief Adisa Akin-

loye, the former chairman of the ruling party, Dr Joseph Wazeyi, former president of the Senate, and Mr Umaru Dikko, a former minister and the man who planned - or rigged - the election victory for Mr Shagari in August.

Houses have been searched and friends and relatives questioned, but it seems certain all three are safely overseas.

The Supreme Military Council is:

Head of Government and Commander-in-Chief of Armed Forces: Major-General Mohammed Buhari.

Chief of Staff: Brigadier Tunde Idiagbon.

Defence Minister: Major-General B. Y. Baki.

Army Chief of Staff: Major-General Ibrahim Babangida.

Navy Chief of Staff: Commodore Augustine Alkomo.

Air Force Chief of Staff: Air Vice-Marshal Ibrahim Alfa.

Other members of the council are: Major-General Mamman Vatsa, Brigadier Mohammed Magoro, Brigadier Sanni Abacha, Brigadier Olu Oni, Brigadier M. J. Nasco, Brigadier Y. Y. Kure, Brigadier Paul Omu, Captain Ebebo Okwue, Air Commodore Lawrence Koyinlan.

Inspector-General of Police: Colonel Saliu Ibrahim James Etim Nyang.

Director-General of Nigeria Security Organisation: Mohammed Rafindadi.

Attorney-General and Minister of Justice: Mr Chibue Offodike.



Olympian controversy: Most Italians in a phone-in survey by state-run radio were opposed to suggestions that these bronze Greek statues, attributed to sent from Italy to the Los Angeles Olympics this summer.

## Kissinger report will recommend keeping US aid for Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Dr Henry Kissinger's commission on Central America, which reports to President Reagan tomorrow, will recommend continued American aid to Honduras-based guerrillas fighting the left-wing FSLN Government of Nicaragua.

The devastation caused to the Nicaraguan economy by the guerrillas, supported by the Soviet Union, training and direct involvement in raiding missions by the CIA, is one of the most controversial aspects of American policy in the region. Dr Kissinger appears to have persuaded the 12-member commission to adopt a tone consistently consistent with the Reagan Administration's hard-line policies towards Central America.

But on one point, at least, he does not seem to have got all that he wants. He favours substantial military and economic aid to the Government of El Salvador, which has a four-year

guerrilla war on its hands, but does not want it tied to improvements in human rights. The commission, however, is believed to be determined to make the provision of more aid conditional on continued improvements in human rights and progress towards full democracy. Last November President Reagan vetoed a Bill requiring "certification" of such progress in exchange for continued aid.

The Administration's view that West Europe should join the United States in providing assistance to Central America has reportedly been taken up by the commission. This point was emphasized by Mr Richard Stone, Mr Reagan's special envoy to the region.

President Reagan would like to resume aid to Guatemala, which has been repeatedly accused of human rights abuses of being one of the most brutal regimes in Central America. Kissinger's cleverness, page 10

## Contadora peace plan endorsed

Managua City (Reuters) The foreign Ministers of El Salvador, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua have endorsed here on measures aimed by the Contadora group at bringing peace to Central America.

They approved a document drawn up by Mexico, Panama, Colombia and Venezuela which emphasizes demilitarization of the region and calls for three commissions to work on the treaties.

The document, based on a joint plan approved in December, includes proposals for an arms inventory and a timetable for eventual elimination of foreign military aid.

The commissions on security, political, economic and social issues would be set up by the end of the month, with two representatives from each Central American country.

The document calls for the identification and eradication of irregular forces which operate across the territory of Central American states. It also calls for the elimination of destabilizing activities against another government in the region.

## Surinam Cabinet dismissed

From Robert Schull, Amsterdam

Lieutenant-Colonel Desi Bouterse, the military leader of Surinam, the former Dutch colony in South America, has dismissed the civilian Cabinet led by Mr Errol Alibux, and has rescinded all tax increases that went into effect in the New Year.

For nearly four weeks workers in the bauxite industry have been on strike against the increases, a measure taken by the Government to qualify for a loan from the International Monetary Fund.

Bauxite is the mainstay of the economy, which is on the verge of bankruptcy, in part because of the suspension by The Netherlands of its £2,200m aid programme to Surinam after the execution in December, 1982, of 15 leading opponents of the military regime.

In his television speech announcing the measures, Colonel Bouterse accused the Alibux Cabinet of not having listened sufficiently to the people.

Support for Mr Alibux came mainly from the Progressive Union of Workers and Farmers.

## Anti-Guinea mercenaries arrested in Senegal

From Susan MacDonald, Dakar

Seventeen mercenaries and three recruiting sergeants have been arrested at Kolda, in the southern Casamance region of Senegal.

The arrested men are alleged to have been recruited to mount operations intended to destabilize the regime of President Sekou Toure in neighbouring Guinea.

According to the official Senegalese newspaper *Le Soleil*, the mercenaries were on their way when arrested to a training camp in another unspecified West African country. Although the arrests were announced yesterday, they are believed to have taken place over the new year. The arrested men have

been brought to Dakar.

According to the newspaper report, 15 of the mercenaries are from Guinea-Bissau, a former Portuguese colony which joins Guinea to the west; two are from Senegal and the recruiting sergeants from Guinea.

President Sekou Toure has been Guinea head of state since the country's independence from France in 1960. He has in the past never been close to his neighbouring francophone states, preferring to follow a pro-Soviet line.

Over the years there have been accusations of destabilization, real or imagined, against Guinea's neighbours.

## Zhao meets Reagan today

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, and President Reagan today hold their long-awaited first meeting determined to ease tensions and expand trade and technological ties between their countries.

Mr Zhao spent yesterday relaxing at the restored colonial town of Williamsburg, in southern Virginia. He arrived there on Sunday after a 24-hour visit to Hawaii, mostly sightseeing. He watched island dances and during a visit to the war memorial at Pearl Harbour, he told his guide he hoped for everlasting peace between China and the United States and the rest of the world.

Mr Zhao's meetings with Mr Reagan at the White House this week are intended to symbolize a more stable and deepening relationship between their two governments, who have been at loggerheads over the continued US arms sales to Taiwan, which China claims as its province.

Mr Zhao's talks here on bilateral matters and world issues will help to pave the way for President Reagan's first state visit to Peking in April.

The White House discussions are expected to range over East-West relations, arms control issues, Afghanistan, Vietnam and other Asian developments. The Middle East and Africa, international economic and trading questions are also likely to be on the agenda.

Mr Zhao, arrives in Washing-

## Sharp in China crime

Peking (AP) - China's crime rate fell 42.5 per cent last year, the Government said, but national crackdown on crime last August, Security Ministry said.

The announcement by the official news agency Xinhua, said crime committed "atrocious crimes" while fleeing repeat offenders remote regions for execution.

The Public Security Ministry said China's national police force had arrested 45,400 criminals by 44.9 per cent.



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# Europe faces surgeon's knife

Dalsager warning of 'in bankruptcy'

The EEC faces "the certainty of bankruptcy" before the summer if the member states cannot agree on a common agricultural policy. That was the dire warning from the European Commission in Brussels yesterday when agriculture ministers met for the first time under the French presidency to plan for the future.

According to Mr Gaston Thorelli, the Commission president, the £10,000m agriculture budget for 1984 will be unable to meet 10 per cent of the bills, even if ministers agree to freeze prices at current levels.

In the words of Mr Paul Dalsager, the Agriculture Commissioner: "It is not a matter of economizing by eating smaller oysters with a cheaper brand of champagne. It is a matter of accustoming our-

selves to the sensation of leaving the table with a stomach less than full, but still with enough nutrition to preserve health and vigour."

Giving "a few plain, blunt, inescapable facts", he warned the ministers that, unless they took the necessary and painful decisions in the near future, then certainly before the year was out the CAP would falter and collapse. If it did, "then the whole edifice of the European Community will be at the brink of failure."

The Community was already about two years late in taking the necessary decisions. "We have passed the point at which minor surgery was recommended and rejected as too painful. Now we have to recommend major surgery. This will hurt a great deal, but it is dangerous to put off the operation again."

ng to Mr John Mac-

the Junior British

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n if no unfavourable

influences affected

prices, there would still

money for price increases

or for getting rid of the

"intolerable levels" of surplus-

es.

"However you may try to

juggle with the figures, there is

no escape from it," he said.

They were desperately short of

time. If there was to be any

hope of avoiding disaster, then

the reform package would have

to be in place by the end of

March.

M Michel Rocard, the French

minister chairing the meeting,

gave a warning that "the

Community was in danger of

abandoning the principles

underlying the CAP. The

Community, he said, should not

be afraid of taking up its

position as the second largest

exporter of agricultural produce

in the world, but it had to

produce the food which was

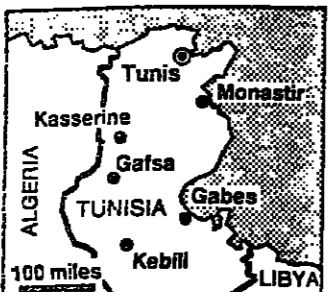
needed at the prices clients

could afford to pay.

Tunisian protest to Libya

## Oil pipeline sabotaged

From Godfrey Morrison



Tunisia yesterday sent a diplomatic note to Libya in connection with the sabotage at the weekend of an oil pipeline in southern Tunisia, only a mile from the Libyan frontier. It was officially announced here.

A blaze started by the sabotage attack, which occurred in the early hours of Sunday, was only put out on Sunday afternoon, a Tunisian Defence Ministry spokesman said.

It had been established that four armed men had crossed from Libya into Tunisia territory in a Land Rover-type vehicle to carry out the attack. The pipeline links an Algerian oilfield with the Tunisian port of Es Schira in the Gulf of Gabes.

The sabotage attack came just after political tension in Tunisia, high for over a week due to food riots, had been removed by President Bourguiba's decision to cancel the increases.

Because of the volatile nature of Tunisian-Libyan relations, which have varied from proposed union of the two countries to uncontrolled hostility, there was much speculation about whether Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, was in instigator or would become involved in the unrest caused by the food riots here.

However, during the riots there was no evidence of Libyan involvement and at their height Mr Muhammad Mzali, the

affairs before the Army

with a declaration of

emergency. The capital's

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and the force placed

the command of the

of police.

AFSA: Panic-stricken

were blamed for the high

ity toll from the recent

shots which hit this area of

from Tunisia worse than

AFP reports).

Gafsa and nearby Kasse-

sources said that nine

had been killed and

dozen injured, and

age was severe. In Gafsa

two hotels in the town

were looted and burnt,

in the town's public

in a statue of President

quibla lying smashed on

is evidence of national

Gaddafi's real intentions

towards the country.

In 1980 dissidents attacked a

police station at Gafsa, also in

the south, and the Tunisians

made no secret of their belief

that they had been inspired by

the Libyans.

Meanwhile, the situation here

continues to return to normal.

Though a curfew is still in force,

its length has been reduced, and

yesterday the greatest sign of

the Government's returning

confidence came with the

announcement that schools and

universities are to reopen on

Thursday.

The Government yesterday

issued an implied criticism of

the way the police in Tunis had

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From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels

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and Commission have cost

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## Aged Jordan MPs limp back after years in wilderness

From Christopher Walker, Amman

There have been few more

There have been few more

bizarre moves in the search for

Middle East peace than yester-

day's reconvening of the

defunct Jordanian National

Assembly, a long-forgotten

body, most of whose members

are of such venerable age (the

Speaker is in his eighties) that

it is referred to locally as "the

rotting parliament".

The urgent need for King

Husain to order the contro-

versial recall before the legal

quorum of 40 disappeared for

over, was painfully apparent in

the members' lobby, where

many of the 46 living deputies

walked on sticks. One limped

from the chamber on the arms

of two colleagues, face waxen

pale and breathing unsteadily.

Although wags in the opulent

press gallery suggested that the

assembly should have met in

the intensive-care unit of the

King Hussein Hospital, its

recall was warmly welcomed by

Jordanians anxious to recon-

struct political life after nearly

17 years without an election.

The historic session took

place under threat from Syria

and the mounted heavy ma-

chine guns on jeeps, at either

side of the new parliament

building, were reminder of the

danger that the Hashemite

monarchy may face violent

opposition to his plan.

Streets on either side were

blocked off to reduce the threat

of car bombs, and those

entering subjected to two

## Howe sees Middle East hope

Cairo (Reuters) - Sir Geoffrey

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Howe, the Foreign Secretary,

said after talks with the

Egyptian Foreign Minister, Mr

Kamal Hassan Ali, yesterday

that there were signs of hope for

a settlement of the Middle East

conflict.

After the hour-long meeting

he said that he thought last

month's visit to Cairo by Mr

Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader,

and yesterday's meeting of the

recalled Jordanian Parliament

could be significant events on

the way to a settlement.

"I think there are some signs

that give one some hope, but it

would be foolish of me on my

first visit here to suggest that I

have found some golden key to

the problems that worried

people for a very long time."

Mr Hassan Ali, at a luncheon

in honour of Sir Geoffrey, urged

Britain and the European

Community to support Mr

Arafat, and called for an open

dialogue between the partici-

pants in the peace process -

Egypt, Israel the United States -

and the PLO.

● RYADH: The Foreign

Ministers of Saudi Arabia, Syria

and Lebanon concluded talks

yesterday which Saudi sources

said had made progress towards

ending the conflict in Lebanon

(Reuters reports).

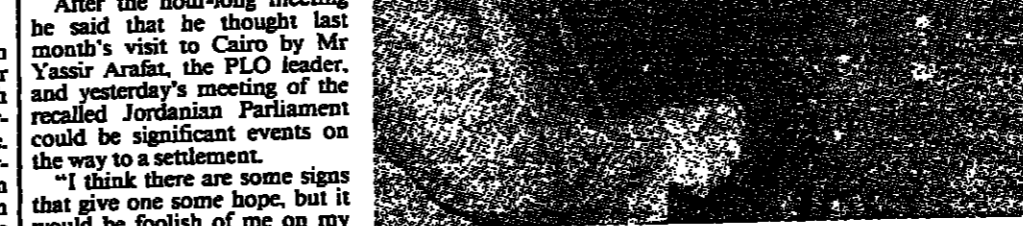
The sources said that Mr

Abdul-Halim Khaddam of

Syria, Mr Elie Salem of

Lebanon, and Prince Saud al-

Faisal of Saudi Arabia had



Cairo greeting: Sir Geoffrey Howe with the Egyptian Defence Minister, General Ghazala, yesterday.

dwell chiefly on prospects for

reconciling a Geneva confer-

ence, adjourned last November,

to reconcile the warring Leba-

nese factions.

The conference broke down

over what the Lebanese

Government should do about

its May 1983, troop withdrawal

agreement with Israel.

The Saudi sources said the

troop withdrawal issue posed

problems at the talks, but these

were apparently eased after Mr

Khaddam had an audience with

King Fahd on Sunday evening.

It was not immediately clear

whether the meeting considered

details of a Saudi-mediated

security plan to separate the

combatants around Beirut by

forming buffer zones

given by Mr Eiseh, in which he

said he saw "two, and perhaps

three, killers" and suggested

that the attack may have been

staged by the Israeli Secret

Service. His version conflicts

with that of the police.

It also runs counter to

evidence given by the accused

himself at the opening of the

trial. He said he was Palestinian

and a supporter of the dissident

Palestinian leader, Mr Abu

Nidal.

## Accused Palestinian reveals identity

Albuquerque (AFP) - The man

Albuquerque (AFP) - The man

accused of murdering the

Palestinian moderate, Issam

Sartawi, yesterday surprised the

court here by revealing his

identity. He said he was

Muhammad Hussain Rachid,

aged 22. He was born in

Jerusalem, studied engineering

and had no criminal record.

He was known to Portuguese

police as Awar Yussi, aged 26,

the name on a forged Moroccan

passport he had when arrested

on April 10, 1983.

He has been charged with the

murder of Mr Sartawi, an

assistant to Mr Yassir Arafat,

the PLO chairman, and the

attempted murder of his sec-

retary Mr Anwar Abu Eiseh,

during the April meeting of the

Socialist International at a hotel

here.

Yesterday the court was due

to hear a tape of an interview

## First Asian appointed to Zimbabwe High Court

Harare (AP) - President

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Canaan Banana of Zimbabwe

appointed three new judges to

the High Court yesterday. Two

are white and the other is Asian.

The appointments of Mr

Dudley Renolds, aged 53, who

was chief magistrate, and Mr

George Smith, aged 50, a

former Cabinet secretary who

was Secretary for Justice, bring

the number of white High Court

judges to six out of a total of 12.

Of the five black judges, two are

Guanians.

Mr Ahmed Ebrahim, aged 46,

a Zimbabwe-born Indian, is the

first Asian to be appointed a

judge. He is a former Director

of Public Prosecutions.

Policy-makers have said that

such key posts will eventually

go to blacks, but the judiciary

suffering from a shortage of

suitably qualified officers.

The white-dominated bench

has come under fire in the last

year, particularly from the

former Home Affairs Minister,

Mr Herbert Ushewokunze.

At the swearing-in ceremony,

the newly appointed Acting

Chief Justice, Mr Enoch Dum-

butshe, said that judicial

officers should not be immune

from criticism, but that false

and malicious attacks on the

judicial system and upon the

administration of justice

## Printer has fingers and thumb sewn back

Peking (AP) - Chinese

doctors have reattached eight

fingers and a thumb to hands of

a Chinese printing plant worker

in a 30-hour operation, the

official Xinhua news agency

reported yesterday.

Many Chinese surgeons special-

ize in microsurgery, but the

restoration of Wang Hongde's

fingers at a Naval hospital in

Qingdao on November 18 was

described as a "rare success".

The report said Wang's

fingers were severed when the

machine he was operating at the

Xinhua printing house in

Dezhou City, 640 miles from

Qingdao, malfunctioned.

He was taken to the Naval

hospital by air and four teams

of surgeons conducted simulta-

neous operations under four

microscopes. The other thumb

required suturing. Wang's

wounds have healed and he is

undergoing physical therapy.

## Santiago rocked by explosions

Santiago (AP) - A series of

Santiago (AP) - A series of

explosions shook the Chilean

capital at dawn yesterday, the

most serious destroying 35

yards of railway line near the

city centre.

The targets included banks

and shopping centres and was

the biggest and most coordi-

nated wave of bombings yet

seen here.

## Unesco 'can do without US'

Barcelona (Reuters) - The

Barcelona (Reuters) - The

head of Unesco has expressed

regret at a US decision to

withdraw from the organiza-

tion, but said the move would

not jeopardize its financing.

Mr Amadou Mahtar Mbow,

Director-General of the United

Nations body, told a press

conference that Washington's

decision was not so much a

problem of financing, which

could be solved, but rather a

move which undermined the

principle of universality.

## Boxer dies

Akita, Japan (Reuters) - Isao

Akita, Japan (Reuters) - Isao

Kimura, a 28-year-old Japanese

professional boxer died of brain

damage yesterday after being

knocked out in a bout here on

Saturday.

## Hotel closed

Dar es Salaam (AFP) - The

Dar es Salaam (AFP) - The

four-star Bwawani Hotel, the

only tourist hotel of interna-

tional reputation in Zanzibar,

has been closed after the

Government refused to renew

the contract to its Indian

operators. The 104-room hotel,

built in 1974, was put under

police guard.

## Hughes eulogy

Hongkong - Mr Richard

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Hughes, former correspondent

of The Times who died last

week was cremated here after a

requiem Mass at St Joseph's

Roman Catholic Church. Mr

Dennis Bray, Secretary for Home

Affairs, delivered a eulogy.

## Seamen killed

Cape Town (AP) - Three

Cape Town (AP) - Three

merchant seamen died and

three others suffered burns in

an explosion on board the Lib-

erian-registered oil tanker Bra-

zilian Splendour off Cape Town.

## Tornado lost

Bonn (Reuters) - The West

Bonn (Reuters) - The West

German Fleet Air Arm lost its

second Tornado aircraft within

five days when one of the £16m

planes crashed off the Danish

coast. The crew of two ejected

safely.

## Blaze arrests

Munich (Reuters) - Two

Munich (Reuters) - Two

Italians have been detained on

suspicion of setting fire to a

Munich night club, injuring

eight people. A 22-year-old

waiter and a 20-year-old un-

skilled worker, both from the

island of Ischia, were arrested

after a tip-off.

## Talbot hopeful

Paris (Reuters) - The man-

Paris (Reuters) - The man-

agement of the troubled Talbot

plant at Poissy, near Paris, was

reorganizing the factory for

reduced production in advance

of redundancy talks between

unions, management and the

Government. It was closed on

Friday after two days of violent

clashes.

## Fewer refugees

Bangkok - Fewer Indo-

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chinese refugees were left in UN

camps in South-East Asia at the

end of 1981 than at any time

since Vietnam invaded Cambo-

dia more than five years ago.

About 170,000 remain,

mainly in Thailand.

## Water hazard

Bulawayo (AFP) - A lizard

Bulawayo (AFP) - A lizard

cut off water to hundreds of

residents in Bulawayo, Zim-

babwe's second city. It became

stuck in the recording mechan-

ism of the reservoir, producing

a false reading that it was nearly

full and causing intake valves to

close.

## Bonn blast

Bonn (AP) - A home-made

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bomb exploded near the en-

trance to the South African

Embassy here. Nobody was

hurt.

## The two worlds of Invincible

From David Watts

Singapore

A puzzled frown passed over

the face of Captain Nicholas

Hill-Norton, the commander of

HMS Invincible. "At first I

thought they must be saying

these things about some other

ship".

He was responding to re-

ports that 70 per cent of

Invincible's crew were fed up

with the ship's long Far East

deployment and wanted to leave

the Navy. "With 1,000 crew on

board, all away from home for

Christmas and New Year, there

are bound to be pressures, but

altogether everybody is having

a jolly good time", he said.

"I have never seen such

warm things written about a

ship", the captain said, as the

vessel settled down for repairs

to one of its port propeller shaft

bearings in the civilian dock-

yard at Sembawang.

"In fact, since we left, 21

men have applied to leave the

Navy. During the previous

month in Portsmouth, we had

17 or 18 applications to leave."

"Since we left, 15 people

have decided to extend their

terms or to stay on permanently

so you could say that we have

had a net loss of six out of a

thousand", Captain Hill-

Norton said.

Two sailors were not as

sanguine. "Look, a Goedicke

said, "there are two halves to

this ship, the ward room and

the real world. The ward room

may be happy, but the real

world isn't. I volunteered for

eight months on her to see

Japan and now we're not

going."

His friend said, "She's a fine

ship, but we've had a lot of

mundane duties. There's been a

lack of information. We never

know what's going on and a lot

of people want to go home."

The unforeseen changes in

the ship's schedule have con-

tributed to some of the

frustrations, but there was no

doubt about the men's pride in

showing Australian friends

over the vessel during the

short-term visit to Sydney.

The ship appears to have

acquired herself well in ex-

cises with the US Navy, as well

as the Australians and New

Zealanders.

"The Australians were jolly

impressed," Captain Hill-

Norton said. "It's all gone well.

It's teamwork essentially, and

we have got it all together with

what is a new crew since the

Falklands. We've had no

failings of men or equipment

and any shortcomings have

been tactical."

Invincible will stay in Singa-

pore until January 23 and then

spend two months in the Far

East. Details of its movements

have not been announced.

## Sacked Nao general 'open to blackmail'

Bonn (Reuters) - A West

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German general was dismissed

from a top Nato post for

national security reasons, a

Defence Ministry spokesman

said yesterday.

Colonel Jurgen Reichardt, said

he was removed from his

post because he frequented homo-

sexual haunts.

He told a regular Govern-

ment press conference that no

other countries or foreign

secrets were involved in the

case of four-star General Gun-

ter Kiessling, Nato's Deputy

Supreme Commander in

Europe, who was ordered to

resign last month.

Colonel Reichardt said Gen-

eral Kiessling had not been

guilty of dereliction of duty, but

indicated that he could have

been blackmailed.

Colonel Reichardt declined to

give the precise reason for the

general's abrupt dismissal a

month ago.

## Glemp fights on for dissidents

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The Roman Catholic Church

in Poland is continuing to pre-

ssure the Government to release

imprisoned Solidarity leaders.

But in the interests of interna-

tional peace, it is making

attempts to bridge differences

over foreign policy, church

sources said yesterday in a

analysis of last week's talks

between Cardinal Jozef Glemp

and General Wojciech Jaruzels-

ki.

The five hours of talks

between the Primate and the

polish leader brought no great

advance on the issue of the

jailed seven Solidarity leaders

and the four members of KOR

who are awaiting trials on

charges of trying to overthrow

the state.

The Primate's view, accord-

ing to church advisers, is that

the Government should be

consistent: either it should

release the leaders without

conditions or it should bring

them to trial.

The Government wants to

avoid the political embarrass-

ment of a show trial at a time

when it is trying national

reconciliation. The only logical

course, therefore, is that the

prisoners, who include Mr

Jack Kuron and Mr Lech

Walesa's former deputy, Mr

Andrzej Gwiazda, should be

freed, the church says.

Meanwhile, General Jaruzels-

ki had evidently hoped that the

meeting with Cardinal Glemp

would produce a commitment

to calm the nation.

A hint of flexibility from East

## East Africans ready to repay their creditors

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Kenya, Tanzania and Ugan-

da will soon call a meeting of

creditors of the former East

African Community, which

collapsed in 1977, to seek the

approval of a share-out of the

community's liabilities which

run into millions of pounds.

Britain, the United States and

the World Bank are among the

creditors who have still to be



# A green town far away

Come Ming come Mao  
nothing lasts, but  
somewhere, encased in  
the endless concrete of  
Peking, lie the roots  
of China's presence

By Jan Morris

The airline magazine on CAAC Flight 1502, from Shanghai to Peking, was six months old and reported the self-criticism of a Chinese women's volleyball team defeated by the Americans in 1982: "They were desperate, with fiery eyes, whereas we were passive and vulnerable to attack." It was like flying in a dentist's waiting room, I thought. Also, the seats in the 707 seemed to be a job lot from older, dismembered aircraft, some of them reclining, some of them rigid. People smoked unrestrictedly in the non-smoking section, and our in-flight refreshment was a mug of lukewarm coffee brought by a less than winning stewardess. I was not surprised by all this. I was lucky, I knew, that there were no wicker chairs in the middle of the aisle to take care of overbooking, and at least we were not called upon to advance en masse upon reactionary hijackers, bombarding them with lemonade bottles.

The enigmas were mounting. Why, I wondered, were the Chinese modernizing themselves with such remarkable ineptitude? Did they not invent the wheelbarrow a thousand years before the West? Had they not, for that matter, split the atom and sent rockets into space? Were they not brilliantly quick on the uptake, acute of observation, subtle of inference? The broad-minded Deng Xiaoping is the leader of China these days, and he is dedicated to technical progress of any derivation. As he once said in a famous phrase, "What does it matter whether a cat is black or white, so long as it catches mice?" China stammers all over with innovation and technology from the West; yet the coffee's still cold on Flight 1502.

The bricklaying in contemporary China would shame a brickyard amateur in Arkansas. The architecture is ghastly. In the newest and grandest buildings, cement is cracked, taps don't work, escalators are out of order. RESPECT HYGIENE, proclaim the street posters, but the public lavatories are vile, and they had to put spittoons in the tombs of the Ming emperors. Western architects, I am told, often despair to find air conditioning connected to heating ducts or fire escapes mounted upside down.

Why? What happened to the skills and sensibilities that built the Great Wall, moulded the exquisite dragon caves, dug out the lovely lakes of *Chinoiserie*? Feudalism stifled them, the official spokesmen say. Isolation atrophied them, the historians maintain. Maoism suppressed them, say the pragmatists. Communism killed them, that's what, the tourists say knowingly. But perhaps it goes deeper than that: perhaps the Chinese, deprived of their ancient magics, observing that nothing lasts, come Ming, come Mao, have no faith in mere materialism and put no trust in efficiency. *Feng shui* ("wind and water"), the ancient Chinese geomancy that envisaged a mystic meaning to the form of everything, is banned from the People's Republic, and dear God it shows.

Never mind: with an incomprehensible splutter over the public-address system and a bit of a struggle getting tables to click back into their sockets, we landed safely enough in Peking.

The first thing that struck me about this prodigious capital, which commands the destinies of a quarter of the earth's inhabitants, was the nature of its light. It was a continental light, a light of steppes or prairies, and tinged with green. At first, I thought of it as metallic, but later it seemed to me more like concrete: arched in a vast bowl over the capital, a sky of greenish concrete!

And concrete, too, was the dominant substance of the city down below: stacks of concrete, yards of concrete, parks paved with concrete, their trees ignominiously sunk in sockets of soil, vast highways like concrete glaciers across of the city, and everywhere around the flat skyline the looming shapes of high-rise blocks, their grim squareness broken only by the outlines of cranes lifting final concrete slabs to their summits. No need for rice glue, I concluded, in Peking.

I was staying on the outskirts of the city, almost in the country. There, the concrete was interrupted often by fields of vegetables, and the traffic that passed in the morning was half-rural - mule carts all among the buses, juddering tractors sometimes. Most of the drivers looked half-dead with fatigue and the traffic itself seemed to



Tian An Men Square in Peking: utterly concrete, all columns and swollen symmetry

rumble by in monotonous exhaustion. I went one morning to the Lugou Bridge, which used to be the city limit beyond which foreigners were forbidden to travel, and standing there among its 282 sulphur lions, all different, above a green-fushed river, watched those red reinforcements labouring into the city.

Somewhere over there, I knew, was the source and fount of the Chinese presence - the Inner City of Peking, which is now Beijing, which was Kubli Khan's Dadu - the home of Deng Xiaoping, the home of Chairman Mao, the home of the Manchus emperors and the Ming and the Hans before them. I approached it with the supplicants of old China kept waiting for a year or two before being granted audience with the Son of Heaven, I hung around the gates, waiting for a summons.

If Shanghai a first felt unexpectedly familiar, Peking seemed almost unimaginably abroad. Everything was different here. The faces were different, the eyes were different, the manners were colder and more aloof. Though, as it happened, people were more attractively dressed than they had been in Shanghai - far more girls in skirts and blouses, even a few young men in suits and ties - still they were infinitely more alien to me. The children, their heads often shaved or close-clipped, their cheeks high, did not respond so blithely. A son of a grave and massive contemplation greeted me wherever I went, as though each pair of thoughtful eyes, nearly a billion Chinese people, Jilin to Yunnan, were inspecting me as I passed.

Beneath the great green sky, treading those interminable concrete pavements, I felt awfully far from home, and when I followed the immemorial tourist route and took a car to the Great Wall, up there on the sun-blazed masonry, looking out across those vast northern plains and purple mountains, I felt I was breaking some strange and lifelong dream. The wall has been reconstructed around Badaling Gate and is overrun there by tourists of all nationalities, milling among the cars and buses below, having their pictures taken, riding the resident camel, eating little peaches and drinking Kekou Kete, "Tasty and Happy" - Coke, that is. It is easy to escape them, though. You make the fearfully steep ascent away from the gate toward the watchtower to the west.

Once at the tower, you find that beyond it, the wall is reconstructed no

further but degenerates instantly into crumbled stone and brickwork, rambling away over the undulating ridges with nobody there at all. I walked a long way along it, out into the empty countryside, all silent but for the wind, all lifeless but for the hairy caterpillars that crossed and recrossed the uneven stonework beneath my feet. But lo, when in the middle of nowhere I sat down upon the parapet to think about my rather lonely situation, out of that wilderness four or five wispy figures emerged, and opening paper bags and wrappings of sackcloth, asked if I wished to buy some antique bells or back scratchers. Yet again, China had topsy-turved me. I had fallen among old acquaintances, and when, one by one, they took turns looking through my binoculars, well, said I to myself, what's so strange about the Great Wall of China anyway?

Looked at from the East, Peking is not remote at all - only 100 miles from the sea, only three hours or so by air from Tokyo. It is only when you come to it out of the West, on, more pertinently, out of the Western sensibility, that it remains so romantically distant. On a Monday afternoon, I went down to the gigantic railway station, twin towered and green-roofed (escalator out of order), to see the arrival of the Trans-Siberian Express from Moscow. This was a dramatic occasion. Hundreds of us had come to meet the train: for hours beforehand, we waited in the cavernous International Travellers' Waiting Room, and when the bell rang, the great doors opened and we burst on to the platform, an air of headiest expectancy prevailed. And there, slowly rounding the curve into the station, very, very grandly, appeared the Trans-Siberian.

With a triumphant blast of its whistle, it came majestically to Peking, the three engineers sitting in their cab like a trio of admirals on a flagship bridge. The waiting people clapped and cheered and waved newspapers as the doors opened and, from Mongolia or Siberia, Omsk or Moscow itself, their travel-worn loved ones fell home into China. One coach was full of a Western travel group and these voyagers, as they emerged, glazed and haggard, on the platform, looking wonderingly around them, reminded me of the long-lost pilots returning to earth out of the spaceship in the closing sequences of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.

There is not much left of old Peking, except for Protected Treasures. The city walls have been torn down, most of the fortress gates have vanished, the

clutter of medievalism that so entranced the old travellers has been swept away as though it never were. Across the face of the central city has been laid the cruel thoroughfare called Changan, down which the trolley buses trundle and the bikes chaotically swarm. Here and there, though, I felt a powerful tug of organic continuity in this city of 2000 years.

I felt it, for instance, at the summer palace of the last of the Manchus emperors, which is now a public park but is still everyone's idea of a Chinese imperial retreat, with its pagodas and towering temples, its ornamental bridges among the water lilies, its myriad boats upon the limpid lake, its covered way, decorated with a thousand scenes of Chinese legend, from which it is said no pair of lovers can emerge unbetrothed, and its ridiculous marble paddle-steamer, forever moored beside the quay (the empress built the place with money intended for the reconstruction of the Chinese navy) and commissioned this nautical folly, they say, as a slap in the face of the outraged fleet.

I sensed the constancy of things when, lifting my head unawares as I walked up Qianmen Street, I saw the vast glowing shape of the Qianmen Gate blocking the thoroughfare in front, for all the world as though it were still the portentous gateway, as it used to be, into the Inner City beyond. I sensed it delectably beside the lonely, neglected pagoda of Balizhuang, where martins twittered about out on the western outskirts, at whose feet the women of the local commune worked, crouching in their straw hats among the beanpoles, chitter-chattering half-hidden, like so many swallows themselves. I felt it pungently in the traditional pharmacy called the Shared Benevolence Hall, founded in 1669, which is a treasure house of arcane specifics, stacked upon stacks of mysterious powders, brown bottles of roots and seeds, phials of restorative nectars, sea horses, antlers, extract of deer tail, heart of monkey.

In the early mornings, I used to go wandering through the *hutongs*, the crooked quarters of small courtyard houses that survive here and there off the huge new highways. A curious hush pervades these parts. No motor traffic goes along the alleyways, and high walls conceal the jumbled yards. Only by peering through half-open gates can you glimpse the tangled, crowded life within, meshed in laundry and potted plants, here a man in no shirt eating porridge from a tin bowl, there an old

woman smoking her first cigarette of the day or a girl in spotless white blouse extracting her bicycle from the rubble. A faint haze of smoke hangs in the air, and from the public lavatory, smelling violently of mingled excrement and disinfectant, heavy breathing and a vigorous swishing of brooms show that some unprivileged comrade is fulfilling early-morning labour norms. Nobody ever took much notice of me wandering these quiet lanes as the sun came up; only a fairly hooded eye focused on me now and then, when a woman emerged to empty her slop down a drain or a bicycle bell chimed me out of the way.

And once, very early, I strayed over a bridge to a leafy path beside a moat. I was led there by a curious cacophony of shouts, singing and twanged instruments, and I found it to be the most hauntingly timeless place of all. It was a place of self-fulfilment. Resolutely facing a high stone rampart above the moat, like Jews at the Walling Wall, all along the path men and women were privately rehearsing their own particular accomplishments in the dawn. As we sang in the evening tub, so the people of Peking go to that wall. Here was a man, his face a few inches from the masonry, declaiming some heroic soliloquy. Here, a woman was practising an astonishing range of arpeggios, shrill soprano to resonant baritone. A splendid bass was singing a romantic ballad, a poet seemed to be trying out a lyric, an old man with a bicycle was plucking the strings of an antique lute. I thought of joining in, so universal did these impulses seem, sending "To be or not to be" reverberating down that wall, or perhaps reciting some of my own purple passages, but as a Foreign Guest, I restrained myself and just whistled my way home to breakfast.

I must have walked a hundred miles! And gropingly, I circled toward the center of things - to what the old Chinese would have called the center of all things. The measured and muffled restraint of this city was like a fog in the sunshine. Gentle and polite, its people kept me always wondering, and I missed the flash of underlife that gives most great cities their clarity. I missed scamps, drunks, whores, haggard and ticket-touts offering me seats - heaven forbid - for the Chinese opera.

How bored this quarter of the earth must be! Even the procreation of the urban Chinese is limited, if not by law, at least by powerful persuasion. They must not gamble, there is nowhere to dance, it is miles on the bike to a cinema, and if they turn the TV on, what do they get but documentaries, English lessons, historical dramas? Their emotional release seems to be eating, which they do with a gusto in which all their passions are surely sublimated. The grander restaurants of Peking generally have two sections, one for bigwigs and foreigners, the other for the masses. Though the downstairs rooms are usually rough and ready, with linoleum tablecloths and creaky old electric fans, an equally riotous festivity attends them all.

No wonder the Chinese are such hypochondriacs. They live so strangely, I was coming to feel in a condition of such crossed uncertainty and brainwash, that psychotic illness must be rampant. I went to one restaurant devoted to the cult of Dietotherapy sponsored by another 300-year-old herb store, and was not surprised to find it prospering mightily. When I told the waiter I was suffering from headaches and general debility, he prescribed Sautéed Chicken with Fruit of Chinese Wolfberry, followed by Giant Prawns Steamed in Ginger. They worked: I walked out feeling terrific.

John Morris 1983

Tomorrow  
A long walk round the  
earth's bored quarter

moreover...  
Miles Kington

## The last live picture show

"Visit one of the last live strip-tease shows around!" says the sign in Brewer Street, Soho.

"Personally, I blame the video games," said old Mo Kanary. "They're staying at home to play Spice Invaders, or whatever it's called. They're too lazy to seek out live entertainment."

"Personally, I blame the violin menders and pasta-makers," said old Alf Deadwood. "All this area is being taken over by trendy craftsmen. Hand-made bicycles. Second-hand books. Graphic bloody artists."

"Do you know where the Sexy Pigalle used to be?" said Mo. "Know what they've got there now?"

"No," said Alf. "Something to do with silkscreens, I expect."

"A games shop," said Mo. "Chess, and snakes and ladders, and dominoes, all hand-carved by women with long hair and wholesome clothes."

"Remember Sue the Snake Girl?" said Alf.

"No."

"She had an act based on snakes and ladders. She climbed up this ladder with a python called Stafford Cripps, and got it to take all her clothes off. Very classy, it was. She kept the act going for, oh, 10 years or more. She used to go on holiday when the python hibernated or something, then come back. Anyway, one day the ladder collapsed under her and she broke a leg, and do you know what?"

"No," said Mo.

"That snake was so popular with the punters that next week it went on by itself. Got a great big round of applause. You don't get loyalty like that with people today. If people want to see a snake they stay home and watch David Attenborough with a bleeding boa constrictor on the telly. Rotten snakes, too. Did you ever see a boa constrictor taking David Attenborough's clothes off?"

"No," said Mo.

"Well, then," said Alf.

"They were sitting in the saloon bar of the Pump and Noddy, one of the last of the old Soho pubs. They sat here every day, having the same conversation. The next step was for Mo to blame Westminster Council."

"Personally, I blame Westminster. Cracking down on the dirty film places. Well, all right, but then we get it in the neck as well, and we were Art. Remember Mary the Amazing Model?"

"No," said Alf.

"She used to enact scenes from famous paintings, all nude of course. There was one called the Judgement of Paris I used to enjoy, where she did amazing things with apples. And the Death of Nelson."

"That's not a nude painting."

"It was the way she did it. 'Kiss me, Hardy!' she used to cry. That was the signal for the blackout."

"Culture, that's what it was, culture. Artistic. Lots of lads, down from the north, football game or something. It was the first time lots of them had seen a naked woman. They got a good introduction. Artistic. Something to remember."

"One day she did a painting called the Flight of Icarus. She broke her leg too."

"You had a lot of legs broken in your place, my old son."

"Yes, well, you've got to take risks in live art, haven't you? Do you remember Fifi the Flying French Girl?"

"Yes," said Alf. "I married her."

"Oh yes," said Mo. "So you did. Sorry."

They both fell silent, thinking back to the great days of theatre. It was generally about this point that the conversation came full circle.

"Personally, I blame the video games," said Mo.

"Out," said the barman.

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## FASHION

Suzy Menkes

# Spinning a yarn

Knitting is now all on the surface with texture and unusual materials giving a new dimension to the stitches

The yarn is the thing to capture the attention of today's knitters. Unusual yarns, and especially combinations of different weights and textures, give a fresh dimension to the simplest hand-knitting. Instead of multi-patterns and complex stitchcraft, the fashion story is now focused on the surface.

Those spinning a yarn will congregate at Needlecraft '84, the exhibition later this month held for the trade only. The news for spring is the summer weights such as linen, silk and especially cotton. Major spinners such as Lister-Lee are promoting English-spun cottons, and designers Suzanne Russell of Rocco and Sandy Black have both gone into the yarn business using British spinners.

Fancy effects come from slub cotton and linens, from ribbons knitted in as a yarn, especially effective with frayed edges to give the fashionably ragged effect.

The yarn story is part of the designer-led boom in hand-knitting. Patricia Roberts was the first to turn her frustration at a lack of quality and colour choice to practical advantage. She now exports her yarns and has three London shops and a thriving mail order business. The more sophisticated hand-knitting market is the target of Yarnworks whose range of Lancashire-spun pure cotton in vibrant colours - five yarns and 30 patterns - goes on sale this spring. Sandy Black started with her own designer sweaters, developed a flourishing knit kit business and is now launching her cotton fizz - a textured yarn to be followed by angora and wool. Christian de la Falbe started last year to supply the yarn he uses for his designer sweaters to the public. His linen, cotton and pure silk are being launched at Needlecraft '84. (Shade cards are available with see to Studio Yarns, 97 Wakehurst Road, London SW11 6BZ).

Although the British spinners are pulling up their once sober socks, the French companies are very strong on fashion yarns. A cavern of colour and tactile treasures is now downstairs at Rie's Wools of Holborn in their Laines Anny Blatt shop. These upmarket yarns include feather-light mohairs, sensuous angora,

crunchy cottons and ribbon coordinated in colour to the summer yarns. Multi-textured sweaters in big simple shapes with all the interest in the yarns, worked into abstract patterns, are shown in the high fashion Anny Blatt booklets.

On the wild-side - and influenced by the African beat pulsating through next sum-

mer's fashions - is Pingouin's Raphia.

The Yorkshire-based firm of Sunbeam is coming out this spring with a machine-washable cotton in 12 colours. Sunbeam's high-fashion summer yarns, (in Harrods and major stores after the sales) include two fancy slubs in cotton, linen and acrylic. They also do 22 shades of Aran wool, including a high-fashion royal blue and black for those who want to knit up something warm for winter.

It isn't only the yarns which have changed. The selling of knitting to the public has been transformed by the new breed of craft-oriented retailers. At Yarncraft, 112a Westbourne Grove, W11, customers can stretch their skills, and choose from a selection of knitting and weaving books and equipment. This week Angela Lodge of Yarncraft launches the first of her own yarns - in black and white - which she intends to market in response to the craft user's need for natural yarns. "I believe very strongly in pure worsted or pure cotton for our creative knitters and weavers," she explains.

Laines Couture, 20 Bedford Street, Covent Garden WC2, have built up a loyal clientele who understand the business of stitchcraft and want to knit to an artistic standard. Craft-type yarn suppliers are springing up all across the country in a response to such consumers.

The big stores also are keen on high-fashion designs and interesting yarns. Dickens and Jones carry the best of the British spinners spiced with innovations such as rag ribbons. Harrods have a wide range of new cottons coming in for spring, including Pingouin's Tricotine and Sandy Black's kits.

The kit business has also spread across the country, often launched as a small mail order business by the very people who supply the yarns to the designers. Naturally Beautiful of Dent, Cumbria set up with a selection of kits in cotton, silk and wool (like the one photographed on this page). Some of the designs of the small kit companies seem to be very basic and I think that they will find strong competition from the revamped designs of the big knitwear companies.

Lister-Lee have produced a designers collection booklet for their Tahiti mohair range that comes in 35 shades, including a shocking pink and a magenta. Emu are presenting patterns that look like the editorial features that first introduced high fashion to home knitters. And the kids kit people will find Copley's *Wind in the Willows* sweaters hard to beat. You buy Toad, Ratty, Mole or Badger as a picture kit at £1.95 (the sweater wool is separate). Mail order from The Yarn Barn, Whitehouse, Westfield Lane, Idle, Bradford, West Yorkshire BD10 8PY - (postage and packaging 70p).

Right: Lattice-work cardigan by Patricia Roberts. Knit packs in cotton crepe/cotton £25.45, crepe/silk £43.45 white/grey, red/fuchsia, cream/beige. Available and January from Patricia Roberts, 31 James Street WC2, 1b Kensington Church Walk W8 and mail order (£1.98 p & p) from 50 Kensington Street SW1 only. Linen top £29.80, Fern Wright and Manson from Dickens & Jones. Trainers £23.50, flannels £22.50 from (xix) St Christopher's Place, W1.

Above left: Mohair and tweed cardigan by Sue Bradley for Eghman. Peach and China blue yarns (knitted double) up to 40in chest. Kit £39.95 from Eghman, 22 Veerage Gate, London W8, £1.75 p & p. Straight tweed skirt by Kay Cossarat. Left: Yarnworks' new pure cotton, 14 colours £1.10 a 50 gm ball from Dickens and Jones mid February. Pattern and yarn approx. £18. Denim blue trousers by Touche £32.50 from next month from Midas.

## Texture goes to the head

Hair styles today often say more about someone than clothes. Hairdressing is a sophisticated and innovative industry and mainstream looks change with the seasons.

If one of your resolutions for the new year is to update your image, be prepared to move away from the slick, neat head shapes to a softer, freer style.

This year will see the evolution of the bob, with hair moving forward onto the face. Texture is the most important trend - achieved by precision cutting of shorter and longer lengths. Trevor Sorbie's "chop" (picture below) reminds one of the *comp sauvage* but the silhouette is more sculptured. The hair is often section-permed for fullness. The effect can be created on longer hair, another fashion trend for men and women this year.

Style leaders Vidal Sassoon are on the same wave length



Trevor Sorbie's textured cut, brushed forward.

with their "Olympic" collection of softly textured, well-defined shapes.

Colour will be subtler for spring and summer, used to complement rather than contrast with the natural hair tone. Knightsbridge hairdresser Allan Soh, stylist to pop superstars such as Duran Duran, streaks in three of four colours along the length of the hair. Fiery orange and rich spicy shades have replaced the reds, says Carmel at Clifford Stafford. Joshua Galvin colour-contrasts with streaks and highlights.

Just as high fashion no longer dictates style in clothes, you can no longer recognize a decade by the hair style. Hair is going to all lengths. Michaeljohn has put the emphasis on ease; to manage styles with a sense of movement. Smile, who opened the first unisex salon and have a new shop at 434 King's Road, SW10, adapt hair to the client's lifestyles. Their clients range from film stars to King's Road trendies.

Glamour is still important for the evening and Gregor Schumi showed a wide range of hair pieces at a recent Elida hair-spray show. Trevor Anthony at 64 Blandford Street are following the retro theme with 1960s-style tousled bobs and dressed long hair.

Glemby are using razor-cutting for a spiky, layered look. Ricci Burns is also using the razor for a wider look, and hair is often left longer on top and graduated through the sides and back.

Christine Paineil

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Multi-textured bathing sleeve sweater. Knitted in four yarns - kid mohair, angora, wool mix, viscose ribbon. Through to black. Laines Anny Blatt. Yarn cost £49 from Rie's Wools, 242 Tottenham Court Road, W1. Ready-made sweater £138, post free. Herringbone skirt £47 from Way In.

Wool and silk mix sweater by Dent Knit Designer Kits. Yarn in ecru, beige, lilac, fuchsia, French navy, sage, gold, russet, pearl grey. Kit with instructions, yarn: small £25.50, medium £31.90 from Knitters of Dent, Main Street, Dent Sedburgh, Cumbria LA 10 5QL, post free. Colour leaflet of designs available for sale. Brick red wool skirt with castellated hem £90 by Zwi from Jones, 77 King's Road SW3.

Hair by VICKY at MOLTON BROWN using unspun wool kit £5.95 from 58 South Molton Street. Make-up by ELENA for MOLTON BROWN. Photographs by NICK BRIGGS

### SNIPPETS

There's nowt so queer as folks' feet, hiplines or personal taste. If you want clothes made-to-measure or painted-to-order, my colleague Beryl Downing, the Shopping Editor, has collated an impressive selection of services.

The craft revival is the genius of her book: small businesses have restored individual service - even if it is now done on the end of a telephone from Cumbria.

Where Can I Get...? (Penguin £2.50) could find you an ivory handled umbrella in a Victorian print to match your wedding dress, or a Cheshire lady to make you up as Cleopatra for a fancy dress party.

Twelve sections cover not just your body and clothes, but also

household goods and services, restoration and an invaluable list of specialist shops of collectors' items or craft materials.

The selection is country-wide, for some of the most interesting services are far from the big cities. Conversely, Beryl has found unlikely crafts flourishing in cracks in the commercial walls of the metropolis.

They've got a little list, at Christmas in South Ken... of 1,500 costumes from the D'Oyley Carte wardrobe. Swashbuckling outfits from The Pirates of Penzance, embroidered kimono from The Mikado and trunks of opera etta nostalgia go under the hammer on January 24 at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith.

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But that is certainly not all there is to it. If the convocation of West Bank members to yesterday's meeting could, at a pinch, be ascribed to a meticulous concern for constitutional

Thus Mr Edward Khamsi of Bethlehem, one of the youngest members to attend yesterday's meeting, abstained in the vote even though he considers that he has "as much right to speak for the West Bank as does the PLO".

narrow political base. He should go there, and he should reach agreement with the King on the principle of negotiating with Israel. Equally Israel's leaders, who have shown some statesmanship in allowing West Bankers to cross the Jordan for yesterday's meeting, should not use Mr Arafat's involvement as an excuse for refusing to negotiate. Too often in the past Zionist leaders have assumed that a Hashemite ruler on his own has authority to settle the Palestinian problem. They should not make the same mistake again.

The development of the new broadcasting technologies presents conditions the economic textbooks might call perfect for the operation of a free market with corporations and individuals willing to invest large amounts and profit (or lose) accordingly. Sir Ian's argument might be compatible with this view: let the market run free as long as the BBC stands, beacon-like, no longer worried (he says) about mass audiences and competition. But this is too narrow. The Government's response to Hunt showed its awareness that the new media cannot be immune from regulation, however light the hand that applies it. Its expression of the public interest in satellite broadcasting is now awaited.

This week the European Commission is expected to publish regulations requiring movement towards much stricter controls. The West Germans, who pressed for tighter controls still, have already imposed such controls unilaterally on their own country's industry. The reported damage to German forests has increased sharply in the last few months alone, and the Germans are ready to take expensive preventive action

The controversy illustrates how important it is to maintain records of the highest quality on the widest scale if industrialized Europe is to have any chance of pursuing enlightened policies of environmental protection. Wrong choices could mean the wasting of thousands of millions of pounds. Where the benefit of Europe as a whole requires countries which are only minor sufferers to adopt costly safeguards for the benefit of their neighbours, collaboration both on policies and on costs will be necessary to achieve an international solution to an international problem.

Yours faithfully,  
C. R. J. CURRIE, Deputy Editor,  
Victoria History of the Counties of  
England,  
Institute of Historical Research,  
University of London,  
Senate House, WC1.  
January 4.

Hence you cannot expect "supplies to create its own demand" as we assumed to happen as a result of higher productivity. To enable foreign countries to pay for our exports we needed to expand home demand sufficiently to exploit our enlarged GNP-potential through increased investment, public or private.

It is our hope that if Agricultural and Food Research Council is contemplating any change in the role of the Wheat Plant Breeding Station it will have second thoughts and that the Ministry concerned will intervene.

Lord Annan is also incorrect in stating that "the taxpayers had to spend £100m" to avoid breach of contract actions from the 3,000 university staff the Government wished to cut. As a vice-chancellor at the critical period before the cuts he will remember that the Com-

Yours faithfully,  
JOHN GRIMWADE,  
Stonesfield Rectory, Oxford.

Yours faithfully,  
G. M. KITCHEN,  
Mill Barn,  
Bassetsbury Lane,  
High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

Enoch Powell asks why the lunar eclipse of April 3, AD 33, which we suggest followed the Crucifixion, is not mentioned in the Gospels. In our *Nature* paper we gave evidence from two sources for this eclipse: the Acts and the so-called Report of Pilate. Although at the time of the Crucifixion this eclipse would have seemed of great significance, and indeed Peter apparently referred to it on the day of Pentecost, only seven weeks later, we suggest that in retrospect this eclipse would have seemed insignificant to the Gospel writers compared with the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

In the case of Mrs Croft there was no hole-in-the-corner deal between the prosecution and defence as Mr Spencer says and Mrs Croft was tried for murder. Her trial lasted four days. Both provocation and diminished responsibility were put before the jury and the 84-year-old mother and other relatives of the deceased voluntarily gave evidence for Mrs Croft.

That links with you Mrs Jeanne from Le Bon and Mrs Jeanne Kirkpatrick, and with Professor Sir Herbert Butterfield, who, in one of his Riddell memorial lectures in 1951, referring to the secularizing of our civilization, beginning in the eighteenth century, said "it is remarkable to see how quickly the . . . who had got rid of the

From Mr T. R. Burch  
Sir, Here is another sobering thought for Mr Raymond Durrant (January 5). If 2,337 motorists were tested "randomly" and 40 tests proved positive, it means that on average one driver out of every 60 be meeting is probably drunk. Actually, I'd thought it was more than that.

Yours faithfully,  
T. R. BURCH,  
Aberdour,  
Burgh Heath,  
Surrey.  
January 5.



THE TIMES

## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

## Charter buys full stake in Rowe &amp; Pitman

Rowe & Pitman, London's premier stockbrokers accelerated the link-ups taking place in the City yesterday when it announced two major partnerships. Insiders are already looking for another big deal shortly.

The brokers have sold a 29.9 per cent stake, the maximum permitted, to Charter Consolidated, the mining and industrial conglomerate, for £16.2m, and thus satisfactorily avoided the conflict-of-interest problems that have so dogged attempts by brokers to form partnerships with other financial institutions.

In its second deal it has formed an international dealing subsidiary with Akroyd & Smithers, one of London's two biggest jobbers, that will be capitalized at £17m. Akroyd last November, announced that it had sold a 29.9 per cent stake to Mercury Securities, the owners of the merchant bank S.G. Warburg, for £41m.

And to complicate matters further, Akroyd and S.G. Warburg formally announced the creation of their own dealing firm in New York which will specialize in fixed interest, and other debt related stock.

Despite appearances, the three deals dovetail neatly and go some way to illustrate the logistics involved for member firms gearing-up for the future, once the Stock Exchange has completed its liberalization programme.

Rowe & Pitman is the institutions' favourite broker for equity and overseas securities trading. That means institutions managing £300 billion give Rowe & Pitman a respectable slice of their business.

Rowe & Pitman is an unlimited partnership; its profit and loss figures are secret. So the precise basis of the agreement was not disclosed, although both Mr Neil Clark, chief executive of Charter and Mr Peter Wilmot-Sitwell of Rowe confirmed that Charter will receive 29.9 per cent of Rowe's profits for the £16.2m and did review the broker's books. "It is what Charter considered us to be worth," Mr Wilmot-Sitwell was candid enough to confirm.

"We have spoken to people from all over the world," he added, "but the problem has always been one of a conflict-of-interest." With one of the strongest private client lists in the City, including Charter Consolidated, for the past 50 years, the broker could ill afford to find itself connected to a merchant bank involved in an aggressive action against a client company.

As senior partner, Mr Wilmot-Sitwell has long made public his view that Britain's brokers do not have enough capital to compete effectively with the American and Japanese giants so aggressively moving towards 24-hour international trading.

The potential of the changes taking place in London, widely expected to lead to multi-faceted financial service companies, is what proved to be the attraction for Charter Consolidated.

Charter has long been building up its own financial services in-house. It is already known as an active share-trader and is moving away from its less than brilliant mining finance business. It has a growing leasing operation, fund management for outside interests, offers investment advice and owns a 27 per cent interest in the bullion dealers and merchant bankers, Johnson Matthey.

## Outside stakes in SE firms

June 1982	Security Pacific - Hoare Govett (28m)
Nov 1982	RIT & Northern - Kitcat & Aitken (na)
Nov 1983	Citicorp - Vickers de Costa (£20m)
Nov 1983	Mercury Securities - Akroyd & Smithers (£41m)
Dec 1983	Prudential-Bache form own brokerage
Dec 1983	N.M. Rothschild - Smith Brothers (£8.5m)

Remaining prime targets  
Phillips & Drew, Wedd Durlacher, Scrimgeour Kemp-Gee, Cazenove, Greenwell, de Zoete & Bevan (James Capel and Greaveson Grant have stated their intention of remaining independent)

The two firms settled the deal a few weeks ago, having been in informal discussions for some months. Neither side claims to have considered the natural integration of all those services under one umbrella. "We'll take it one step at a time," says Mr Clark. "We have concluded a number of basic understandings as we looked to what may evolve."

That does not include, apparently, an option for Charter to take up the remaining Rowe equity if and when the rules permit. Although Rowe was quick to say that Charter would in future be involved in consultations on any important deals.

Having gained what Mr Wilmot-Sitwell describes as a "Comfortable foundation now that our own substantial reserves have been added to" Rowe & Pitman went on to strengthen its one weak area internationally, the lack of jobbing expertise or market making.

That was particularly convenient for Akroyd & Smithers whose own deal with S.G. Warburg left it lacking a strong client list to trade for.

It is interesting that the deals most quickly done have been between banks and jobbers where the conflict of interest does not really occur and where the capital demands will be great. Institutions deal in the hundreds of thousands of shares.

The new international dealing subsidiary is to be jointly owned but reflects the disproportionate size of the two companies: Akroyd is contributing £11m and Rowe £6m. Both will channel all their international equity business through the new company which will be called, not surprisingly, Rowe & Pitman and Akroyd & Smithers.

The only two international centres where the two are not already represented are in Australia - where rivals Smith Brothers are experts - and Canada.

The deal is undoubtedly a good one for the jobbers, whose shares reflected the view by climbing 17p to 465p a share. It has formed links with two companies who are acknowledged as the experts in their field. One in equities and the other in bonds.

Reflecting that distinction, Akroyd announced the formation of a New York office in conjunction with S.G. Warburg to deal specifically in fixed interest and other debt related bonds. In London that will mean a leading force in the Eurobond market.

Akroyd must be congratulated for its risk-taking flair in acting as a catalyst for a combination which has great potential.

## Texaco bids \$1.1bn for Getty as Pennzoil move fails

By Philip Robinson and Bailey Morris

Texaco, America's third largest oil company, formally launched its record \$1.1 billion (£790 million) takeover bid for Getty Oil yesterday.

Getty's shares soared to a record \$418 on Wall Street as the company's stock at \$125 a share. Earlier in the day Texaco had already announced it held contracts and an option to purchase 56.6 per cent of the \$8.3 billion Getty shares in issue.

Details of the proposed merger which would result in the biggest acquisition yet in the US, were unveiled over the weekend following several days of frantic negotiations in which Texaco was able to outbid its rival, Pennzoil, for control.

Completion of the offer will be delayed for 15 days in keeping with US anti-trust requirements. It was not clear whether the offer would be subject to a new company and bid for \$5.3 billion for Getty Oil.

Two days later it appeared Mr Getty had changed his mind, and by Friday Texaco announced it had agreed to buy 71.8 per cent of Getty Oil from the J Paul Getty Museum and Getty Trust, in addition to the 11.8 per cent museum stake.

It has also been granted an option to purchase up to 10 per cent which has yet to be issued. The three agreements would effectively give Texaco 60 per cent of Getty Oil.

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## Index rises to 800

The FT Index of 30 leading shares rose above 800 for the first time yesterday, but the point fell to a record low against the US dollar.

This was the contrasting scene as optimism about Britain's economic outlook (and a wide array of weekend share tips) pushed the index to 801.9 points at the opening. Later prices eased, but then responded to late buying burst. The index closed at 800.0, a rise on the day of 52.7 points.

On the foreign exchange market, sterling fell to \$1.3910 but recovered to close at \$1.4050 - down 20 points. It remained firm against the other important currencies.

## STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 800.0 up 5.7  
FT All Shares: 83.77 up 0.23  
Bargains: 20.04  
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 101.37 up 0.02  
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average (latest) 1290.31 up 3.67  
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 1,005.3 up 71.36  
Hong Kong: Hang Seng Index 337.46 up 27.90  
Amsterdam: 174.1 down 1.0  
Sydney: AO Index 787.9 up 1.1  
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1063.6 up 0.9  
Brussels: General Index 137.83 down 0.17  
Paris: CAC Index 163.7 up 2.2  
Zurich: SKA General Index 321.90 up 0.40

## CURRENCIES

**LONDON CLOSE**  
Sterling \$1.4050 down 20pts  
Index 81.7 unchanged  
DM 3.9650 up 0.01  
FF 12.09 up 0.0325  
Yen 327 down 0.50  
**DOLLAR**  
Index 132.0 up 0.7  
DM 2.8300 up 0.0215  
**NEW YORK LATEST**  
Sterling \$1.4005  
Dollar DM 2.8300  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
ECU20.571088  
SDR20.736389

## INTEREST RATES

**Domestic rates:**  
Bank base rates 9%  
Finance houses base rate 9%  
Discount market loans week fixed 9%  
3 month interbank 9 1/2-9 3/4  
**Euro-currency rates:**  
3 month dollar 9 1/2-9 3/4  
3 month DM 6 1/2-5 1/2  
3 month FF 13 1/2-13  
**US rates:**  
Bank prime rate 11.00  
Fed funds 9 1/2  
Treasury long bond 10 1/2-10 1 1/2

## GOLD

**London fixed (per ounce):**  
Am \$364.25 pm \$365.25  
close \$366.50-367.25 (\$261.75-262.25)  
New York (latest): \$365.80  
Kruggerand (per coin): \$377.00-379 (\$269-270.75)  
Sovereigns (new): \$85.75-86.75 (\$261-262)  
\*Excludes VAT

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Italians buy 20% of Empire

Two big Italian retailing companies have taken a 20 per cent stake in Empire Stores, the Bradford mail order house. The two companies, Sefina and Gerco, were already small shareholders and will provide fashion garments and technological expertise to Empire. They are subscribing for 4.8 million new shares at 80p each which will raise £3.7m net and improve Empire's balance sheet. The creation of the new shares will also dilute the 30 per cent in Empire held by Great Universal Stores. Its stake will be reduced to just over 26 per cent but it will still be required to eventually cut it to less than 10 per cent by a monopolies ruling.

● Unilever said in Rotterdam yesterday that its United States subsidiary will take over the Shedd Margarine Group of Bette Foods of Chicago. Shedd, with headquarters in Detroit, produces margarine at seven sites in America. The group's sales for the present fiscal year will be more than \$200m (£143m).

● Mr Lewis Carter, who is making a £6.3m part bid for Maynards, the sweet and toy company, has attacked the basis of the strong asset backing claimed by the board in its defence document. He says in a letter to shareholders that property represents less than 25 per cent of the total assets.

● Tea prices soared again yesterday as dealers competed for supplies at the weekly London tea auction. A record price of £3.85 was paid for a kilo of Kenya Tea - 25p more than the highest price last week.

● The Tayside Enterprise Zone was launched yesterday by Secretary of State for Scotland Mr George Younger.

## Lear Fan to cut 90 jobs

From Our Correspondent Belfast

Lear Fan, the company set up near Belfast to build carbon fibre business aircraft, is to pay off about one fifth of its workforce because of the delay in obtaining a US certificate of airworthiness.

The company announced yesterday that about 90 of the 500 workers would be made

redundant. However, the move to a more spacious plant at nearby Antrim, which the company is buying from British Enkalon, will go ahead.

Last year, much of the workforce spent several months on short time because of earlier development difficulties.

## Murdoch wants Warner chiefs out

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

The possibility of a proxy fight to remove the management of Warner Communications was mentioned by Mr Rupert Murdoch in Geneva yesterday when he addressed bankers and investment managers before floating a bond issue - a minimum of SwFr100m (£31.4m) - for his News Corporation.

"We feel very hardy put upon by what has happened there," he said. "We're extremely critical of that management. We're going to go on and our present plan is that if we're successful in the courts or before the regulatory authorities we will certainly have a proxy fight to remove that management."

News Corporation was not inclined to pick up \$25m-\$30m profit on its 7 per cent share of the company acquired in recent months, he said.

In his view, control of Warner had passed out of the hands of the ordinary shareholders without being referred to a stockholders' meeting, a procedure that he described as flouting the rules and intentions of the New York Stock Exchange.

The danger, Mr Murdoch added, was that the "extravagance and mistakes of the corporate management" could endanger the company's major assets, particularly its film studio and television production company in Los Angeles.

gates where local management was "excellent" with "fine creative talent".

"We feel that if this deal with Chris-Craft goes through, the value of the shares - everybody's shares - will decline dramatically and we wish to prevent that," he said.

Mr Murdoch said News Corporation had believed for several years that in building a media company of world significance a big film studio would be a "magnificent asset". Though it was not "breaking its neck" to get hold of one.

It had thought it could not go wrong in buying Warner shares - about \$101m (£71m) worth - as a passive investor. It had talked to the company and explained its intentions. The company had approved and later asked the corporation to buy no more. Then Warner had given control to another company, Chris-Craft. So the corporation was pursuing the matter in the courts and with regulatory agencies.

"How it will come out I cannot tell you," he said. "I can only promise you it will make some rich lawyers a lot richer."

He regarded the situation of the management as disastrous. "There may be a business in software, in selling games to children, but the horrifying thing is they think they can compete with IBM and Hewlett-Packard in home computers or with Bell Laboratories in

satellite television company which supplies programmes, would probably lose money for some years yet, until programmes could be picked up directly in homes all over Europe. It could then take off, but was as yet "more of a seed than a major development."

"We have to prepare ourselves for possible challenges from the electronic media. We have to admit that in many areas there's a very thin line, or there's no line, between entertainment and news. Hence, we're looking forward to an expansion of our abilities and knowledge of the entertainment industry, one way or another," Mr Murdoch said.

In the US, the corporation had important newspaper developments on its hands. One of its major thrusts there would be the development of a magazine group. "The beauty of magazines is you don't own any printing presses," he said.

In Britain, *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* were expanding. In the current financial year, *Times Newspapers* would lose no money or very little. "We feel indeed it's going to be one of the greatest assets in the whole company," Mr Murdoch said.

"This time last year we were losing £5m at the end of six months. This year we're nicely in front. For the full year, I don't know but at least we'll break even, a considerable

## Wall Street forges ahead

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Stocks broadened their gains in heavy trading early yesterday. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 3 1/2 points to 1,290 after showing some hesitation at the start. It picked up strength, however, and moved easily through the record closing high of 1,287.20 on November 29.

Advancing issues were nearly 3-to-2 ahead of declines.

## The Wellcome Foundation Limited

Summary of the financial statements	1983 1982
Turnover	cm sm 674.4 592.5
Exports from the UK	(127.6) 123.4
Research and development expenditure	80.9 66.3
Provision for depreciation	61.2 55.1
Taxation	23.3 18.0
Distributions to shareholders	14.0 13.0
Profit retained in the business	23.6 23.6
Capital expenditure	38.5 41.4
Shareholders' funds	367.4 326.2
Employees	18,645 18,501

Note: The results shown above are an abridged version of the audited financial statements which contain an unqualified audit report. They have not yet been delivered to the registrar of companies.

**Research and Development** - Expenditure on research and development during the year amounted to £81m, representing 12% of group turnover.

The Wellcome Foundation Limited is an international group of pharmaceutical and chemical companies with headquarters in the United Kingdom. Under the will of Sir Henry Wellcome, all distributions received by the company are distributed to the Wellcome Foundation, which is the sole shareholder. The Foundation is a charitable trust established to support research in medicine and science throughout the world.

In the UK, the Beckton plant was completed at a producing site. At the completed site, the distribution centre will be

# Little cheer for diamond trade

Next month is the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Diamond Trading Company, better known as the De Beers which manages the exclusive Central Selling Organisation. But if the latest CSO sales figures are a guide, the celebrations could be a little restrained.

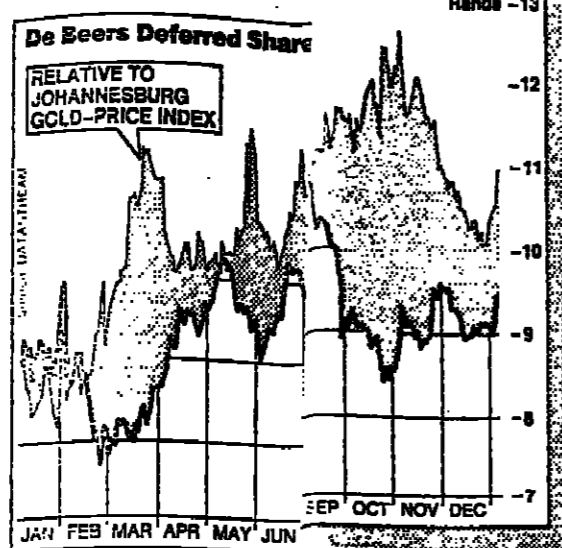
In the second half of last year, world diamond sales totalled \$71.2m (£50.8m) compared with \$63.3m in the same period of 1982. This brings the grand total for the whole of 1983 to \$139.9m, an increase of 27 per cent over 1982. In rand terms the figures show an even faster increase.

Second half sales were \$81.1m, bringing the year's outcome to \$139.9m, a rise of 30 per cent. It is pointed out that last year saw a return to the usual pattern whereby first half sales, which include restocking after Christmas, are bigger than those of the second half. So why the worry?

One reservation is that diamond sales had gone up for three consecutive halves before the second half of 1983. To argue that a lower second half represents a return to normality (whatever that might be) in the contemporary financial environment conveniently ignores the substantial impact of Christmas buying. Without this harbinger of the euphoria in diamond sales, unless the psychology of the stock market spreads, no doubt the DTC will also be more careful of raising prices again.

But that said, the sustained holding operation by De Beers has left the trade in better shape - as the fall in bank borrowings by the Israeli cutting industry from \$400m in the first half 1983 to \$360m in the second half shows.

By the same token, the De Beers will be lucky to see its stockpile to a mere \$1.8bn. Shareholders will not see a



repeat of the exceptional summer weather, turnover and margins will be difficult to maintain.

Previously margins have been hit by heavy competition from the British franchise bottlers of overseas drinks such as Coca-Cola. Interest receivable has fallen from £205,000 to £144,000.

The total dividend has been raised from 5.86p to 6.75p, well covered by stated earnings of 34.51p against 31.38p. The yield is 4.4 per cent with the shares up 3p at 218p.

## Automotive Products

Automotive Products, the Leamington-based motor components group, has clinched a vital order to supply the Fiat Auto company in Italy with the bulk of its requirement for drum brakes and clutches.

Although AP would not give precise details of the value of the contract, or the quantities involved, the company indicated that it will be supplying more drum brakes to Fiat than are used by the entire British motor industry.

This will double AP's production of drum brakes and means that the contract with Fiat will outstrip its largest existing contract, with BL.

Under the terms of the deal announced yesterday AP has promised to build a £3m plant near Savona, Italy, to manufacture clutches.

In addition there will be more work for AP's British workforce, which will supply some components to the Italian factories.

AP returned to profit in the half year to June 30 after two years of losses. Pretax profits at the halfway stage reached £10.3m, against losses of £14.1m for the whole of 1982.

## APPOINTMENTS

### New chief for Union Discount of London

Union Discount Company of London Mr. Richard Petherbridge will retire on February 24, after 40 years' service and will be succeeded as managing director by Mr. Graeme Gilchrist.

National Westminster Bank: Mr. Alex Dibbs has retired as a director.

Anglia Television: Mr. David Putnam has joined the board.

Newman Freeland Contractors Insurance Brokers: Mr. P. Constable has joined the board.

Philips Electronics: Mr. I. H. Cohen, the managing director of Mullard, is now also a director of Philips Electronic and Associated Industries.

Kirkland-Whitaker (Sterling Brokers): Mr. Anthony Cooper has become an associate director.

BMW (GB): Mr. Tim Greenhill has been made sales director.

Later Commodities: Mr. J. G. St. P. Burridge has now joined the board.

Industrial Development Advisory Board: Mr. Ronald Halsehead, chairman of Becham Products, has been appointed to the board for two years.

Folgate Insurance: Mr. J. W. Webb and Mr. G. A. Dolby, Andrew Weir Insurance, have been made directors.

Unicommerce Management: Mr. R. H. Aldous and Mr. A. O. Ramage have joined the board.

Pioneer High Fidelity (GB): Mr. Shungo Minato is now managing director.

Cameron Markby: Messrs H. J. Waterman, R. E. Topley, A. L. R. Fincham and N. W. Paul have been appointed partners.

Harlock Europe: Mr. T. S. Corrigan has been named as non-executive chairman.

Meggitt Holdings: Messrs K. H. Cooke and Mr. H. N. P. McCorkell have joined the board as group managing director and group financial director respectively.

Aluminium Foil Container Manufacturers Association: Mr. Ron Cook, managing director of Bacofoil Containers, has been elected chairman for 1984 in succession to Mr. Peter Holland, managing director of Alcan Ekco.

Protech International (UK): Mr. Jack Napier has been appointed sales and marketing director.

Bowater Corporation: Having attained retirement age, Mr. Hugh Joyce has resigned as a director. He has also relinquished his positions of Bowater North America Corporation, an executive of Bowater North America by Mr. A. P. Gamble.

## THE TIMES

### National Computer Competition

Next week, following the success of *The Times* Classroom Computer Competition, which has attracted thousands of entries, Computer Horizons will be launching a national competition which will be open to all. The aim of the competition is to find the best original use of a microcomputer for a socially useful purpose, which could be a novel computer program or the innovative use of a computer peripheral. Contestants, who may represent schools, colleges, clubs or associations or enter as individuals, will be required to provide a proposal in no more than 1,000 words for judging on a regional basis. Ten regional winners, with runners-up, will be selected and the ten winners can take part next Easter in a national final at the London Computer Festival. There will be valuable prizes at regional and national level. See Computer Horizons next week for full details.

## So you are the owner of a new computer...

### HOME USER

By David Hewson

So the Christmas wrapping paper has been discarded and the family's new electronic acquisition is now looking for its first job. Owning a new computer is much like getting used to a new puppy; there are bound to be a few mishaps along the way, but everything should work out so long as you stick to the rules.

The first thing which every computer purchaser should do is to ensure that the receipts are stored in a safe and readily accessible place. The computer books are full of advice about good housekeeping but they rarely remind you that your only safeguard when things go wrong under guarantee is proof of purchase.

Once your receipts are stowed, you should spend some time ensuring that your hardware is in 100 per cent working order. Most computers will come with some form of demonstration cassette which gives you some idea of the machine's powers. Load that and see that it runs properly. One of the commonest faults is malfunctioning keys, so you should press every one on the keyboard to see that it registers a character on your television screen.

If something appears to be wrong, try to work out if the problem really lies in your interpretation of the instructions. People who are completely new to computers can occasionally misinterpret manuals which take a basic knowledge of the subject for granted.

Should the machine still be playing up, take it back to the shop where you bought it. In no circumstances open the back of the computer, even if you just want to see what it looks like inside. If the retailer sees that you have done so, he and the manufacturer will judge that the guarantee has been forfeited.

Do not be too surprised if there is a problem with your new acquisition. Most computers have been working flat out to meet the Christmas sales boom, exacerbating a quality control level which, for some of them, was not all that good in the first place. So long as you ensure that the machine you end up with is in A1 condition, the only result will be some temporary inconvenience.

Once you have returned the goods, you will probably find that the retailer exchanges them on the spot if he is satisfied that you have uncovered a genuine malfunction, and are not just using the computer incorrectly. Trading legislation means that

you are entitled to be sold a working computer and need accept nothing less.

In addition, the majority of companies offer a 12-month guarantee, though the conditions vary. In some cases, if the machine breaks down after a certain time, the company reserves the right to replace it with a reconditioned version.

Computer retailers are much more experienced in the field of customer relations than they were a year ago, when few of their sales assistants really knew what they were selling. If the retailer seems reluctant to provide you with a working version, consult the nearest trading standards department which will only be too happy to acquaint you of your rights and, if you are lucky, pursue the matter directly with the store.

Some retailers may say that they will not exchange the machine, but will send it away to the manufacturer to be repaired. If you are dealing with one of the common brands of home computer, resist this fiercely; demand that the store give you a replacement if stock is readily available.

Bear in mind that it can take weeks for a busy manufacturer to carry out repairs. If there is a delay in producing a working machine, ensure that your manufacturer's guarantee dates from the day it is delivered, not

when you handed over your money for the original faulty model.

Only a handful of retailers would want to avoid their obligations to the customer, but the computer trade is still hampered by its youth, and the complexity of its products. Patience and persistence are the watchwords for anyone with a grievance to pursue.

When your working machine is installed, what next? The temptation, which we have all felt, is to rush out and buy a whole selection of software to see what your computer will do for you. Don't. A pause for thought will be well rewarded.

The best place for information about the latest programs for your machine is in the computer press. Most common models have at least one magazine dedicated purely to their needs.

I find it useful to flick through the general home computer maps. *Personal Computer World* is a thick monthly which is rather technical in parts, but its coverage is admirably encyclopaedic.

The colour weekly, *Personal Computer News*, is my other regular buy. In recent months it has developed a commendable consumerist streak in uncovering a few of the questionable business practices perpetrated on a generally unsuspecting customer.

If I have overlooked other magazines, it is simply because I have yet to find the time to read them.

### Out goes the paper clip

One of the most pleasant aspects of receiving those Christmas gift vouchers is the opportunity it gives to enjoy that little extravagance which you feel is a bit too self-indulgent for you to buy for yourself writes Barry Miles.

These items come in many shapes and sizes. I amac of Runcorn are a potent source of some of the more exotic items. Perhaps you would like some cable ties, or perhaps a daisy wheel cleaner? If not, would a footrest take your fancy, or one of a range of special pens?

Again, perhaps some specially perforated transparent tape, so that it can be retained in special binders? Finally for the person who has everything, what about a wrist-rest?

WBM of Woking offer "Flip n File" 10, 15, 25, and 50, which are boxes for that number of diskettes, built on a special cantilever principle, so that the disks are extremely well displayed, ready to be flipped through for choosing. Prices range from £4.99 to £35.40.

Eurodon of Nottingham offer disk filing boxes, in a French version which packs 80 in for only £17.00. In addition they offer the cheapest gift in this list, the Clippi.

This is the new invention to replace both the paper clip and the staple. Coming in a hand-held model, and also a desk top version, it can be used to place smart-looking stainless steel clips to hold any papers together. Since it will cope with up to 30 sheets, it is ideal for holding printouts together when you merely want to bind it temporarily. Prices are £2.00 and £5.60.

## Wellcome lifts profits by 11% to £61.2m

By Vivian Goldsmith

The Wellcome Foundation, Britain's second largest private company, achieved an 11 per cent increase in pretax profits from £55.1m to £61.2m in 1983 on a turnover up 14 per cent at £74.4m.

In his statement accompanying the results, Mr. Alred Sheppard, the chairman and chief executive of the pharmaceutical group, criticized Government plans to force price reductions on drug companies selling to the National Health Service.

"There is a real danger short-term government financial attitudes will result in serious debilitation of the industry and remove it from its position in the world," he said.

The Government announced last month that it was to save this year an £100m full year. In addition pharmaceutical companies' expenditure on promotion would be 1.54m, full-year profits were to be 9 per cent rather than 10 per cent.

Brown & Tawse, the London stockholders, suffered a fall in pretax profit for the six full year. In addition pharmaceutical companies' expenditure on promotion would be 1.54m, full-year profits were to be 9 per cent rather than 10 per cent.

Mr. Sheppard, says that the demand for steel and tube products has improved a little.

Carclo Engineering, the Huddersfield company closely associated with the textile industry, edged pretax profits up during the same period to £1.36m. Mr. John Ewart, Carclo's chairman, says that customers are enjoying good trading conditions and that as a consequence the company's third quarter orders were a record.

For Carclo, the good sign is that while profits from Europe and India fell, there was an improvement in Britain. This in turn helped to cut the tax charge. Both companies raised their interim dividends, Carclo from 1.3p net to 2.6p net, and Brown & Tawse from 0.7p net to 1.2p net.

### COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

A.J. Worthington (Holdings): Half-year to Sept. 30, 1983. Figures in £000. Turnover 1,065 (1,302). Pretax loss 123 (loss 139).

Fairey Holdings (a subsidiary of S. Pearson & Son) has agreed to buy Red Lion Controls, an advanced micro-electronic component manufacturer, York, Pennsylvania, between £4.4m and £4.9m, depending on performance between 1983 and 1986.

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### COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES	
Commodity	Unit
Coffee, arabica	per 50 lbs
Coffee, robusta	per 50 lbs
Sugar (B)	per 50 lbs
Wheat	per 50 lbs
Barley	per 50 lbs
Maize	per 50 lbs
Soya beans	per 50 lbs
Groundnuts	per 50 lbs
Peas	per 50 lbs
Beans	per 50 lbs
Linseed	per 50 lbs
Mustard	per 50 lbs
Flax	per 50 lbs
Wool	per 50 lbs
Aluminium	per ton
Copper	per ton
Lead	per ton
Zinc	per ton
Nickel	per ton
Steel	per ton
Iron	per ton
Gold	per ounce
Platinum	per ounce
Palladium	per ounce
Rhodium	per ounce
Iridium	per ounce
Osmium	per ounce
Vanadium	per ounce
Chromium	per ounce
Manganese	per ounce
Silicon	per ounce
Titanium	per ounce
Zirconium	per ounce
Niobium	per ounce
Molybdenum	per ounce
Cadmium	per ounce
Antimony	per ounce
Arsenic	per ounce
Bismuth	per ounce
Fluorine	per ounce
Bromine	per ounce
Iodine	per ounce
Chlorine	per ounce
Sulphur	per ounce
Phosphorus	per ounce
Carbon	per ounce
Nitrogen	per ounce
Oxygen	per ounce
Hydrogen	per ounce
Helium	per ounce
Neon	per ounce
Argon	per ounce
Krypton	per ounce
Xenon	per ounce
Radon	per ounce

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL	
Commodity	Unit
Gold	per ounce
Platinum	per ounce
Palladium	per ounce
Rhodium	per ounce
Iridium	per ounce
Osmium	per ounce
Vanadium	per ounce
Chromium	per ounce
Manganese	per ounce
Silicon	per ounce
Titanium	per ounce
Zirconium	per ounce
Niobium	per ounce
Molybdenum	per ounce
Cadmium	per ounce
Antimony	per ounce
Arsenic	per ounce
Bismuth	per ounce
Fluorine	per ounce
Bromine	per ounce
Iodine	per ounce
Chlorine	per ounce
Sulphur	per ounce
Phosphorus	per ounce
Carbon	per ounce
Nitrogen	per ounce
Oxygen	per ounce
Hydrogen	per ounce
Helium	per ounce
Neon	per ounce
Argon	per ounce
Krypton	per ounce
Xenon	per ounce
Radon	per ounce

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE	
Commodity	Unit
Gold	per ounce
Platinum	per ounce
Palladium	per ounce
Rhodium	per ounce
Iridium	per ounce
Osmium	per ounce
Vanadium	per ounce
Chromium	per ounce
Manganese	per ounce
Silicon	per ounce
Titanium	per ounce
Zirconium	per ounce
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Molybdenum	per ounce
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Argon	per ounce
Krypton	per ounce
Xenon	per ounce
Radon	per ounce

WALL STREET	
Commodity	Unit
Gold	per ounce
Platinum	per ounce
Palladium	per ounce
Rhodium	per ounce
Iridium	per ounce
Osmium	per ounce
Vanadium	per ounce
Chromium	per ounce
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Helium	per ounce
Neon	per ounce
Argon	per ounce
Krypton	per ounce
Xenon	per ounce
Radon	per ounce

Summary of Results			
	Unaudited Half year ended 30 September	Audited Year ended 31 March	
Turnover £'000	15,579	14,233	
Profit before tax £'000	1,093	1,013	
Earnings per ordinary share of 25p	10.8p	8.9p	
Dividend per ordinary share of 25p	2.6p	1.3p	
Dividend cover (times)	4.2	6.8	
Shareholders funds per ordinary share of 25p	152p	139p	

- Turnover up by 9%
- Earnings per ordinary share up by 21%
- Order intake during third quarter at a record level
- Most of our customers enjoying improved trading conditions
- Outlook for the remainder of the current year encouraging

### Carclo Engineering Group PLC

JESSUPS			
	1983	1982	Increases
Year to 31st August	£000's	£000's	
Turnover	45,000	36,000	2
Profit before tax	901	247	26
Earnings per share	17.17p	7.65p	12
Dividend per share	3.0p	2.0p	5

Mr Alan Jessup, Chairman, reports:-

- Increase in Vauxhall sales contributed to our continuing position as one of the leading Vauxhall-Opel dealers.
- Ford retained their market leadership and we achieved good results from our dealerships.
- Leasing has shown improved profit and is expanding.
- Dividend is covered over 5 times. Scrip issue 1 for 1.
- We look forward to 1984 as a year of further improved performance.

Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from: The Secretary, Jessups p.l.c., London Road, Romford, Essex RM5.

### Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9%
BCCI	9%
Citibank Savings	7.104%
Consolidated Trust	9%
Continental	9%
C. Hoare & Co	9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9%

## WHICH MICROCOMPUTER? WHICH PRINTER? WHICH SOFTWARE? WHICH SERVICES? WHICH COMPUTER? WHICH WORD PROCESSOR?

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## Algebra made easier

Schoolchildren could be learning algebra by teaching it to their computers. Working on the theory that the quickest way to learn a subject is to teach it, children are to be supplied with text books and a micro with software to build an expert system to solve equations, writes Maggie McLenig. Each child will then input examples of different types of equation to the computer, and check whether the idea has been put across correctly.

The idea was proposed by Professor Donald Michie and has been programmed by one of his students, Andy Paton, now studying for a master's degree in Machine Intelligence at Edinburgh University. "Analysis of the way children learn has shown that the teaching of elementary maths is not a question of rules but of examples," says the professor. "Children tend to follow the rules that they have deduced for themselves rather than those taught by the teacher."

A grant recently awarded by the US Army's European Office of Research will enable experiments to be conducted with Scottish schoolchildren, using IBM Junior portable computers and Paton's expert systems building software. This was based on the Analogue Concept Learning System (ACLS) developed at Edinburgh, which has also formed the basis of three products marketed by Professor Michie's company, Intelligent Terminals.

Work measurement techniques which replace the stopwatch and clipboard with a computer are to be installed by Lucas CAV at its electrical business factory in Acton, west London, writes Roger Woolnough. The system, Computer-MOST, has been ordered from consultants H. B. Maynard, which will supply all the software and support. Lucas CAV will run the

## COMPUTER BRIEFING



...and you can add on the printer at a later date...

system on a DEC PDP-11 minicomputer, and introduce it over a two-year period.

Maynard introduced its MOST work measurement in 1975. By adding the flexibility and data-processing capabilities of computers, it has now been turned into a fully-fledged production management system. About 50 of these Computer-MOST versions are in use throughout the world.

The system provides a data base of production processes and workplace statistics, so that untrained alternative simulations can be carried out. The user can experiment with new production processes, or variations of existing methods, until the optimum solution is found. A detailed method instruction sheet for the operator is then produced automatically.

Life assurance brokers and financial consultants can now obtain a program by someone active in the field of personal investment advice, writes Barry Miles. Michael Butterfield, of

Bristol, has produced a package designed to take much of the effort out of the production of reports for clients.

It makes many of the calculations leading up to giving advice. The client is asked a series of questions, and the adviser must find out details of any pension being taken, employment, and so on. The client's details are filed, and a four-page report is produced, showing what surplus or deficit in income will occur in each of a series of circumstances, including illness, injury or death.

The programme carries details of tax levels and social security benefits, and the user must update these details. Taxation calculations can then be printed. The program at present runs on the Commodore 8000 series, but there are plans to make it available soon on IBM, Sirius, and Apricot machines.

The first of the year's computer shows, the Which Computer? show, aimed at business users, opens next Tuesday at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, writes Geoffrey Ellis. With over 300 companies exhibiting, it is 25 per cent larger than last year, and will use electronics to help the visitor.

There is an electronic directory of exhibitors, enabling interests to be noted, and an immediate floorplan, indicating stands of interest, to be printed out. For the first time software gets a special area, and, using seven Viewdata terminals, will allow the visitor to check profiles and details of software, and decide on best buys.

The National Computing Centre will have continuous video films running, and will be organising fourteen seminars, dealing with topics such as networks, security, fourth generation and viewdata. A glimpse of the future will be provided by the prototype of the "Home Office", fully equipped for word and data processing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission and Prestel. While a few pioneering companies are beginning to use this system, many more are likely to follow in the next few years. Free tickets are available in advance by calling 01-747 3131.



Rex Malik buttons up his computer suit

## had my suit by computer

By Rex Malik

It is made to measure. A nice clean Savile Row tailor, even if slowly, and at a cost of about £120,000 suits they now make 20 per cent of the UK market. Part of the reason has to do with the modernization of production and the introduction of new processes.

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there comes the problem of turning the measurement into a pattern, laying it out on cloth, marking it, and then cutting to make a suit that fits. What Burton's did was apply this system to each individual made-to-measure order.

Now the order form recording measurement and style is carefully standardised and sent to Goole where the data is input into the pattern production system. The specific data will lead to the right master pattern being pulled out and graded to size. The system works by ruler: if you are of a certain height and have ordered a suit, say, with one vent then the patterns sought will fit within the following parameters. The system will then go on to do such tasks as calculating what the height of the vent should be.

What is the material? Different rules apply to plain, striped, and checks, which because of the differences in weave tension may not be exactly regular.

The system now creates markers and lays them out on a screen as if they were on a length of cloth. It then calculates what the cloth utilisation will be and how much waste will there be.

Burton's experience indicates that the cloth utilisation should be at least 86 per cent of the cloth measure used. If the system states that it is below this, then a reject mechanism operates. People are brought in to do better. The results then are not simply used for that particular suit, they are fed back the system's master patterns to be called on if that combination ever turns up again.

Burton's claim to have thousands of patterns stored, and can envisage getting up to around ten thousand.

The selected and system modified patterns are now drawn by a flatbed plotter onto paper, life size, the paper pattern placed on cloth, checked against the original documents, and pattern and cloth are cut. Then, conventional processes take over.

Burton's estimate that the ability of the system to achieve optimal layouts of markers on cloth saves the around £200,000 a year in wasted cloth. The system initially cost £350,000.

Burton's are now seeking ways to introduce graphics so that the customer can get a better idea of what he is ordering, and the total process can be speeded up.

## People/David Viewing of Husky Computers

### Roughing it with Husky

By Roger Woolnough

Almost as though he had built a better mousetrap, people have been beating a path to David Viewing's door. The attraction is a handheld rugged computer called the Husky - a virtually unique device which can survive endless rough treatment, including being submerged in water.

Viewing, who designed the machine and is managing director of Husky Computers, has been astonished at the size of the market for it. It is used by public utilities to collect all kinds of data, by the military to support guided missiles, and by breweries for stocktaking. Yet the Husky came about almost by chance.

One of the projects handled by Viewing for his Coventry-based consultancy was the modification of a portable terminal. The client was a water authority, which wanted a device to help collect data out of doors.

Viewing "ruggedised" an existing terminal, which would not have withstood the rough and tumble in its original version. "If you dropped it in the river," says the critical Viewing, "it filled up with water."

His modified design served its purpose for a while, but then applications became so advanced that the hardware would not support them. A new and more robust terminal was put on the drawing board, and as design went ahead it evolved into a computer.

There was no intention for



David Viewing: into a goldmine

the consultancy to become a computer company, but manufacture of 50 units could be justified to meet the needs of the customer. Then other people started to take notice.

"The first units were in the field by November 1981," says Viewing, "and by March 1982 we were getting orders from all sorts of unexpected directions. We were really surprised at the breadth of the market."

David Viewing started his career designing nuclear instrumentation in the 1960s, then moved to medical electronics. By the mid-1970s he was working with microprocessors, and designed machines for

programming read-only memories. His next step was the Coventry consultancy, DVW Microelectronics, where much of his work was on consumer products, including a Matchbox toy car controlled by infra-red light.

The experience he gained, particularly of battery-operated memories, helped with the design of the Husky, which has more RAM than many desktop computers. The top model has 144K as standard, and the recently introduced Husky Hunter has 208K of RAM.

Perhaps the most unexpected boost for the Husky came from the Ministry of Defence, when it selected the machine when a competitor failed to materialise, and Viewing found that by chance his computer almost met the specification - "it was supposed to weigh eight pounds," he jokes, "and ours weighed only four."

The defence sector now produces about a third of Husky's business, and has recently resulted in a further contract worth £250,000. Other major markets are central government, the public utilities, and local authorities, where as many as 10,000 units a year could be sold.

Husky Computers - now part of AIDCOM International - seems to have stumbled into a goldmine. And among his many surprises, the biggest for David Viewing is that so far no one else is digging for gold.

## Windows on the micro world

by Maggie McLenig

By this time next year there will probably be very few microcomputers without Apple's Lisa-type screen graphics such as "windows" for viewing application running and mouse control of the cursor. Fierce competition between software developers has forced an early crop of graphics product announcements for machines in all price brackets, and the likelihood of "bundling", so that the buyer pays no extra, may mean that micros without graphics are weeded out of an overcrowded market.

Digital Research started the ball rolling with a low-cost visual information processor (VIP) for the personal CP/M operating system, aimed at 8-bit micros costing from £200 up to those in the 16-bit area. VIP provides a layer of animation for applications such as word processing, spreadsheets or communications and for the operating system, making it easier for the user to understand and control.

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## The Tories go electronic

by Paul Walton

The Conservatives have taken the electronic lead in their campaigning style by installing the first personal microcomputers in local constituency offices.

The first computer designed for direct use in politics has been installed in the Worcestershire South constituency of Mr Michael Spicer MP, and deputy chairman of the party. It heralds the kind of opinion-gathering and direct mail-shooting on particular issues previously the preserve of US politics.

Conservative Central Office is playing down the national significance of what they describe as these "primarily local systems". But Mrs Thatcher will preview future applications

of the system when it comes to her Finchley constituency in February.

The initial use of the Cocom system (standing for Conservative Constituency Management System) in a constituency in the Bristol area has already proved its success. Resource Management, the software house which produced Cocom, report that party membership rose by 29 per cent, and paid-up subscriptions increased four fold over the eighteen months of development.

Conservatives in each constituency will have to find £3,000 to £4,000 to buy the

hardware to run Cocom, a Tymcom MicroFrame. But the Conservative Party is buying software and service on their behalf. It is also looking into national networking of the local systems.

"Questions raised by a constituent might be answered by an MP away in London within a matter of minutes. Equally, opinions might be swayed by the use of mail-shots on a local issue or local feeling might be taken into account by the rapid collection, collation and response which computers make possible," was how one Central Office official described future developments of Cocom.

to locate women who have never had a cervical smear or have gone longer than five years without having one.

Dr Cuzick says: "There are about 2.75 million tests carried out each year, but the trouble is that some women have many tests while others have never had one. There is a lot of emphasis on encouraging young women to have tests, but there are far too many women over 35 who have never had a test."

UK Events

British Osborn Owners Group, Stantonbury Resource Centre, Milton Keynes, January 14, 10am.

Which Computer? Show, NEC, Birmingham, January 17-20 Northern Home Entertainment Show, Excelsior Hotel, Manchester Airport, January 19-22 Acorn Education Exhibition, Central Hall, Westminster, January 25-27

Seaford, 84, Earls Court, London, January 28th February 1 Peripherals Suppliers, Cusand Communications & Computer Systems Fair CABLES, Pontin's, Prestatyn, Wales, February 2-4

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## Cancer check

An experiment is under way to reach by computer woman at risk from cancer, writes Alan Lewis. Doctors are trying to locate the women and call them in for tests.

It is part of a campaign to prevent the deaths of 1,000 women who die needlessly each year from cervical cancer because they do not have a smear test. The experiment is taking place in four centres -

Manchester, Birmingham, Oxford and south London. Dr Jack Cuzick, one of the research leaders and a statistician at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, says that if this pilot scheme is successful it is hoped that the idea will be picked up nationally.

The information about women patients comes from the Family Practitioner Committees in the participating areas. Every patient who is on a G.P.'s list is registered with the committees.

The computer programme being worked out is an attempt

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## Index surges above 800

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, Dec. 30. Dealings end, Jan. 13. Contango Day, Jan. 15. Settlement Day, Jan. 23.

the erosion of oil market confidence over prices.

The index surged above the 800 points mark in early trading in response to a deluge of

Later this month Rank Organisation is expected to announce year's profits of £70m against £61.5m, despite a lower Xerox contribution. The new team of Sir Patrick Meany, the chairman, and Mr Michael Gifford, chief executive, has not yet had time to justify the faith of its institutional shareholder backers. But Mr Jack Summerscale at stockbroker de Zoete and Bevan believes profits could hit £102m in the present year, and he rates the shares a buy at 195p.

weekend Press tips and a strong performance by Wall Street on Friday. But with little immediate institutional interest prices eased back. Then a late flurry took the index back to exactly the 800 points mark - just

under two points below the peak hit in the morning surge.

As before a record breaking day there was a wide array of plus signs with the advances spread throughout the market and not just confined to the FT 30 index constituents.

Inchcape, the international traders where reports abound of a bid on institutional pressure, jumped 13p to 316p.

Raybeck, the clothing group now claiming its way back into profits, gained 1p to 37p - making a 6p gain this year.

Midland Bank, reported in the US to be keen to buy the 43 per cent of its American Crocker Bank offshoot, gained 10p to 349p.

USM, the former Welpac, which packs nails and screws,

made an impressive debut, opening at 16p against a 10p placing level.

Elsewhere Style Shoes rose 13p to 26p on the Harris Queensway stake and some

After a decidedly sober run, shares of Greenall, Whitley, our largest regional brewing group, have started to display some enthusiasm. Yesterday, they rose 2p to 126p on growing hopes that the company is at last going to earn a worthwhile return from its Arrowsmith package tour business and that group's present year profits will top £2.5m against £2.4m.

Government stocks had an uneventful day. Uneasy at first on the pound's problems they eventually rallied to close with gains of up to 1/2p.

New life business - and take over gossip - lifted Britannic Assurance 14p to 472p. One

suggestion is that the German Allianz group thwarted in its epic struggle for Eagle Star - may now turn its attention to the company.

Ahead of figures soon Trident TV rose 5p to 140p. Bepak, another due to report, was 13p higher at 321p.

Gold shares were weak - falling on the back of the bullion price.

Among the leading engineers Hawker Siddeley rose 10p to 302p.

The strength of the tea price was good for stocks like Camella, up 30p at 770p. Bellair, the little pharmaceutical company, recovered an early fall after a denial that the controlling shareholding had been sold. Harold Ingram, in the same stable, fell 40p to 313p.

The appearance of Ceramic Holdings, which has featured in bad battles in the past, with a 5 per cent share stake in Watts, Blake Beane lifted the shares of this china clay producer 6p to 168p.

There have been reports that Charter Consolidated is interested in WBB which recorded lower profits at its interim stage last year.

## RECENT ISSUES

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Talk of cash worries about needs and comments in the community in the slump.

Later the price - still 85p down - was unsettled by a set-back and the whole was down to £305m.

BP fell 3 1/2p to 260p, compares with the call price of £305m. The shares in the second instalment course.

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3 months	\$4-04
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## Dreaming of self-discipline and less bureaucracy

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The field for the Masters tournament, which begins at Madison Square Garden, New York, today and continues until Sunday, includes the four men who won Grand Slam singles championships in 1983: Jimmy Connors, and Mats Wilander. During the past year all except Wilander were also fined or suspended, or both.

We used to regard champions as exemplary, not only in the quality of their play, but also in their response to the wider responsibilities of leadership. We can do that no longer. There are times when, paradoxically, it seems we must look down on the men at the top.

This has nothing to do with the emotional stress of playing a game for a living. Such stress is prevalent at the upper levels of most professions. The man who cannot take the strain is simply suffering from a form of altitude sickness: he has climbed too high. In tennis winning championships is the ultimate test of character, as well as ability.

A tennis champion is a public entertainer and has the luck to be richly rewarded for playing a game. On both counts he has additional inducements to behave in an exemplary way. Yet we have a situation in which the put the paradox in another form: too many successful players, in a sense, fail.

The 1983 rash of fines did the wealthy celebrities no harm and Neuh and McEnroe served periods of suspension when they were not planning to do anything in particular anyway. Not for the first time, it seemed that the leading men had an almost impregnable tolerance for fines and suspensions — which must therefore be regarded as inadequate substitutes for self-discipline.

The solution is simple and demands no more than administrative guts. Umpires, referees and grand prize supervisors merely have to enforce the rules, instantly. Tournament promoters are wary of appointing any umpire who has the confidence and moral courage to disqualify a crowd-pulling celebrity. Umpires can make mistakes, too, although these can be promptly corrected by referee or supervisor. But when an umpire knows his stuff and takes firm action, he should never have the rug yanked from under him by referee, supervisor, or anyone else.

Players make their money and their reputations by winning tournaments. They cannot win tournaments unless they win matches. They cannot win matches if they are disqualified — the ultimate sanction. The point penalty schedule is in many ways admirable, if it is properly applied. Warning a player for a first offence is unnecessary, because professionals should know the rules. But the rest of the system — a point penalty for one offence, a game penalty for the next, and then disqualification — could work effectively.

One correspondent suggests that the system is anomalous, rewarding the opponent rather than penalizing the offender. The argument is that a point should be deducted from the

### ICE HOCKEY

## Underdogs overjoyed after first victories

By Robert Pryce

Though Cleveland and Grimsby must have begun to doubt it, every underdog just those in the Cup — has his day. Cleveland's final game on Saturday, when they gained their first premier division points of the season in a 11-10 win over Murrayfield Racers, Grimsby's arrived on Sunday, when they gained their first first division points of the season by winning 7-4 at Richmond.

Cleveland's win was the more unlikely, especially as they were 4-1 down within six minutes to a team who had won their last five League games. But Murrayfield did an ineffectual job of containing Jim Earle, whose sixth goal of the game brought the scores level with less than eight minutes to play. Steve Cook gave Cleveland the lead two minutes later and the Birmingham team held out to gain their first win in 14 British League games.

The next day, Murrayfield allowed another early lead to escape them at home to Durham Wasps. The Edinburgh team led 5-2 early in the second period, then conceded eight goals without reply.

The game marked Durham's ninth successive win and Neil Campbell's return to favour and form. The tall netminder all but disappeared from public view during 1983 after being dropped by Cleveland. After the first period at Murrayfield, he took over from Lumsden and allowed only one goal from 26 shots on target.

### SKIING

## Swiss aim for clean sweep

Berne (Reuters) — The Lauberhorn Men's World Cup downhill in Wengen, Switzerland, will take place on Saturday or Sunday, the International Ski Federation (FIS) announced yesterday.

But an FIS official said that the Slalom scheduled for Sunday would be switched to Parpan, Switzerland, either on January 16 or 17. It will count with a downhill for combination points. The Alpine Slalom of January 16, postponed owing to lack of snow, will also be switched to Parpan on January 16 or 17.

Swiss skiers riding high at the moment with three men in the top four of the World Cup standings, aim to make another clean sweep in the giant slalom at Alesboden today.

Last year the Swiss whitewashed the opposition with Pirmin Zurbriggen, Max Juhan and Jacques Luthy filling the first three places.

Zurbriggen, aged 20, was edged out of top position in the current standings by his compatriot, Franz Laas, who took fifth place in the top on Saturday to move one point ahead.

# Legal Appointments

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